

4. Job Fairs

- At the previous meeting, we had a guest speaker, from Polk State College. She discussed the following items related to a future job fair;
 - *The next Career Fair held by Polk State College will be on Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 1 PM – 5 PM at the Winter Haven Campus*
 - *The last fair had 42 businesses and 169 people*
 - *The Central Florida RETA Chapter is permitted to participate by contacting Jeannette and reserving booths*
 - *We can reserve as many booths as necessary. Individual companies representing Ammonia Refrigeration can also participate*
 - *There is no charge for the booth*
 - *Can set up morning of fair*
 - *Can ship displays the day before. Jeannette can store until morning*
 - *She agreed to send us list of those who participated in the last fair*
 - *There will be another Polk State College fair Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 1 PM – 5 PM at the Winter Haven Campus*
 - Committee needs to complete a career path brochure for the fairs
- **The italicized information above was not correct.** These job fairs were held by CareerSource Polk and we need to discuss with them future Job Fairs. Garry will set up a meeting with Career Source Polk and Ernie and Garry will meet with them to discuss future job Fairs. Garry has a call into Angie Hibbard (CareerSource Polk), but she has not returned the call at this time.

5. Technical Colleges

- Once students return to class, Ernie will meet with Oscar Acevedo of Erwin Technical College. Ernie will present the RETA -Central Florida Chapter PowerPoint presentation to their classes.
- Ernie will also coordinate a presentation for Ridge Technical College thru David Morse when the students return to class in late August or early September.
- Ernie attended Both Erwin and Ridge day and night classes and presented the Power Point, it was well received. Ernie has several resumes that will be posted on the website once the site is fully functional. We have a glitch in the switch to GoDaddy as web provider. The webmaster is working on a fix.

6. Committee Direction/Results

- Question was “Are we moving in the right direction as a Committee?”
- Most agreed the committee is the right thing to do
- Need more participation.
- The committee has met 4 times in a time span of 16 weeks.
- Results accomplished to date that we believe would not have happened without the Committee:
 - Trade Schools – we have started new relationships with Ridge, Erwin and Travis
 - We are planning to participate in the Career Source Polk Job Fairs

- A “We Want You” Flyer has been sent to all Polk County Academies
- We are close to completion of the Chapter brochure for handing out at Job Fairs and Conferences

7. Action Items:

- Ernie to set up presentations for Technical Schools **(DONE)**
- Ernie and Garry to finish brochure
- Ernie and Garry to meet with CareerSource Polk to discuss Job Fairs **(MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9/6/17 AT 9AM AT PSC/CLEAR SPRINGS)**
- Committee preparation for Job Fair in October - All

8. Next Agenda:

- Job Fair Progress
- Brochure Progress
- Technical School Presentations
- Possible HR Speaker/Guest

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 11, 2017 @ 8:00 am at Polk State Corporate College – ATC, Clear Springs Campus