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Minutes Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC) Board meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

Present: Jason Schulist – Vice Chair, Ken LePage – Membership Liaison, Philip Berry – Ad Hoc Board Member, Melanie Zynel – admin support.

By conference call: Debra Setman – Chair, Chris Wilson – Secretary, Rick Fleming – Ad Hoc Board member

Guest Bob Buckler, COO City of Detroit.

Apologies – Willie Brown

Meeting held at the offices of St Joseph Mercy Oakland, 44405 Woodward Ave., Pontiac MI 48431

### **Detroit City CI opportunity**

Bob Buckler the newly appointed COO of the City of Detroit was introduced by Jason Schulist. All present gave a brief intro to Bob. Bob outlined his work history prior to this new appointment. He then focused on the principle area he felt that CI and MLC could help with - the current goal to improve the City through demolition (tear down) of 10,000 homes over the next four years creating green areas and building new homes. 3,000 are targeted for 2010.

- Some discussion took place following the information provided by Bob. A conference call is to be scheduled for interest board members to discuss how MLC will approach this opportunity to showcase what it can do.

### **Membership update**

Ken provided an update on membership and Phil on the advisory council. Members of the advisory council have been selected and will be advised of their selection next week. Approval of these appointments was proposed by Jason, seconded Ken. Approved unanimously.

### **MLC website**

Progress continues. More material has been added and the website is taking shape well. Chris to provide photo and Rick bio and photo. Latest version can be seen at

[www.michiganlean.net](http://www.michiganlean.net)

Email addresses have been put in place for board positions that will be directed to those individuals "normal" email address.

Melanie asked the question "Who will be the webmaster longer term?" This is to be addressed.

## **Collaboration meeting with OU incubator.**

Phil attended this meeting at OU incubator. He will provide detailed information next week.

Summary comments

3 main activities

Bringing companies (especially new) through incubator – facilitated session providing input.

Strategy brainstorming – new business presentations comment from Angel investors

Kitchen cabinet board – further guidance to start up's and their boards

Great conference facilities exist

Opportunity for MLC board to help with training

Phil to follow up with David Spencer for possible MLC collaboration.

## **Legal**

Research into the option for MLC to be an L3C corporation indicated this new type of company is not a good match for MLC. Chris suggested we continue to registration and then apply for 501 (c) (6) status. So moved by Jason, seconded Rick approved unanimously.

## **Future events**

Melanie to check on the number registered for the June 7<sup>th</sup> training in Ann Arbor (31 as at May 28th)

Rick to follow up with Micron Industries in Grand Rapids to confirm a date in the fall

Jason has a meeting scheduled with Dr Zarbo of HFHS at which he'll be seeking a date with them

Meeting signs. Jason has secured the signs used at the DTE event. He advised that the stands to display some of the signs cost approx \$700. Question was asked should MLC purchase. Debra to follow up on alternate pricing. Board will then reconsider.

## **Next Board meeting**

To be held during the lunch break of the training session in Ann Arbor June 7<sup>th</sup>. Jason to arrange location, either the Presidents Room (or other onsite room) or a nearby restaurant.