

**Vision**

To be the Malcolm Baldrige of quality councils!

Mission

To promote quality by providing:

- KNOWLEDGE for improved community;
- RECOGNITION of excellence; and
- OPPORTUNITY to learn and network.

**Mankato Area Council for Quality
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
City Center Hotel
Mankato, Minnesota
11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Present: Matt Chmielewski, Peggy Anderson, Gloria Zachow, Dennis Begalle, Dan Behrens, Mark Kliender, David Cowan, Travis Zimmerman, Eric Raverty, Brian Smith, & Jennifer Faust.

Guests: Tom Kammer of SCC & Brian Lassiter of MN Quality Council

Guest Speaker: Katie Boone (United Way)

President Matt Chmielewski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matt reviewed and passed around several articles on local businesses such as Winland, V-TEK, and Pam Year's award of Business Person of Year.

Treasurer's Report:

Gloria presented the Treasurer's report and we are still healthy – starting to receive dues from Mankato Corporations. Greater Mankato Growth dues are pending. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Secretary's Report:

Peggy did not provide written report for the month of December, 2009.

Education:

Matt is working on partnering with ASQ for this years' co-sponsored event. There meeting is scheduled for 3/11/10. We are also looking into partnering with Enterprise MN on some type of ISO training and a program with the MN Quality Council later this fall.

Awards and Nominations:

Matt stated we still have a couple of Above and Beyond Award Presentation that are still pending. Keith Boleen of Valley Bank and Marv Hose previously from SMC. Mark Kluender mentioned he would like to nominate Jerry's Body Shop for an Above and Beyond Award and how they are so professional and have helped with everything including lining up rental cars. Mark will officially submit on-line.

Old Business:

Peggy Anderson handed out blank “Above and Beyond” applications for board members to complete.

New Business:

Matt suggested we start thinking about the October Annual Banquet and who should be nominated for the Corporate and Quality Awards. Each member updated the group about what has been happening at each of our businesses.

Brian Lassiter talked about the MN Quality Council how last year was one of their busiest ever. He has now been with the MN Quality Council as an employee for 8 ½ years. In early May they will be holding their Annual Award Program. In April ASQ and the MN Quality Council will partner for an educational event. It may be possible for the MN Quality Council, ASQ, and the Mankato Council for Quality to partner in March for an ISO training event and a fall event with us and the MN Quality Council.

United Way – Katie Boone was our guest speaker and talked about how the United Way helped her in a time of need and how it became a career for her.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Peggy Anderson
Secretary, MACQ**