

**Private Sector Leadership Committee Notes**  
**Strategy 5**  
**April 3, 2007**

The meeting of Private Sector Leadership – Strategy 5 Committee began at 1:30pm with Sherri Ziegenhals and Robin Mercer presiding.

In attendance were Susie Cardwell, Don Muhlbach, Jenna Armstrong, Robin Mercer, and Sherri Ziegenhals.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the Leadership Development Series classes recently offered at Angelina College, the upcoming Working with “Boards” Series, update the committee on Leadership Lufkin curriculum changes and status of an alumni association of Leadership Lufkin graduates.

There was good attendance at all the Leadership Development Series classes (one class was dropped – Diversity). Sixty-six people attended. Everyone expressed positive feedback and suggested there be classes on these subjects that go a step further (like Communication II, Listening Skills II, etc.) Angelina College will continue to offer this series each semester. Of concern - participants receiving certificates for each class attended. We all understood that individuals would receive a certificate for each class taken, but apparently there is an issue regarding social security numbers, etc. Susie will check with Brian to see if the Chamber can obtain participant information and we will make up certificates to send to each person. The Chamber will continue to assist in the marketing of each of these series of classes by: emailing/ mailing businesses about the series and showing discount for Chamber members, emailing LL alumni, public service announcements via radio, and any other venue that is appropriate.

Working with Board Series – each committee member will be asked to attend at least one session to evaluate the class and send in notes to committee chair. Robin will also ask Tina Alexander Sellers and Cathy Pavilek to attend a class and give us their feedback. We want to make sure these classes cover topics that organizations need to have covered. Paul Parker would like a list of the names of those completing these courses. Susie will check with Janet Taylor and Jerry Huffman to see about compiling a complete list of NFP organizations with name, executive director name, address, phone number, email address. This will help with notifications of upcoming classes.

Robin was to check with Brian McClain on the cost of all courses – making sure there was a discount for Chamber members. The monthly Chamber packet was received today, and yes, Chamber members receive a nice discount.

**Don Muhlbach discussed the Franklin Covey leadership training series he has been affiliated with through the paper mill. He will check in to costs to have a trainer certified, purchase the rights to the program to train others, and make sure he would be able to train other chamber members.**

**Sherry stated the LL Committee is in the process of revamping the curriculum for the 2007-2008 Leadership Lufkin Class. She will make every effort to finish this project and review changes with Jerry Huffman, then present to the Board of Directors for approval.**

**The LL Alumni Association has not moved forward. Sherry will check with Jerry to see if Carl Ray Polk will indeed head up this endeavor. LL Committee members Krista Cloonan and Nellie Matthews agreed to assist with this project. The LL Alumni list is in dire need of updating and obtaining current addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. It was suggested that we could possibly contact one person from each class and see if they would undertake this project for their class and provide the information to the chamber.**

**We have successfully completed Benchmark 1, and most of Benchmark 2. Benchmark 3 will be an ongoing endeavor with us strongly relying on the potential LL Alumni Association to assist with this.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for June 26 at 1:30pm at the Chamber. Meeting concluded at 2:30pm.**

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