

Fluid Power Advisory Committee Meeting 2020
January 8, 2021
Via Zoom

Members present: Tony Laleman, Jodi Johnson, Gabe Adkins, Judy Tebben, James Wee, Ty Bowen, Tom Midthun, Jason Everett and Paul Holsin.

Welcome and reviewed last year's minutes. Explained that due to Covid we missed our 2020 May meeting so we decided to have a meeting via Zoom to make up for it. The 2021 meeting has a proposed May 6th 2021 date.

- A. Reviewed 2020-2021 budget.
 - a. Supplies –\$9,000
 - b. Equipment – Received a donation from Cantel. Valued @ \$50,000

- B. Discussion Enrollment & recruiting.
 - 1. High school trainer program and visits.
 - 2. Career fairs, on campus visits limited.
 - 3. Promo Video showing what Mechatronics is all about.
 - 4. Daily Globe articles/marketing.
 - 5. Enrollment in Worthington, 10 in 2nd year and 7 in 1st year.
 - 6. Closing of the Mechatronics Program at the Granite Falls Campus

- C. Discussed that the Skills Contest was going to be held in Worthington but due to Covid the competition was cancelled. Brandon Miller was our student of the year and received a \$5,025 from IFPS Past Presidents Scholarship.

- D. Discussed the Hydraulic and Pneumatic Specialist exams, due to Covid they were cancelled. 3 students will take in 2021.

- F. We had a presentation from Amatrol on their eLearning software. We discussed how we could use it to help our program transition more online to recruit more students. Also talked about how we could use it to help educate high school students learn about Mechatronics and hopefully transition them into our program.

- G. Trends in Industry (Advisory Input)
The consensus is that the students still need to be versatile in all areas of hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, plc's, mechanical, etc. It was suggested again to focus a little more on metric fittings as we are seeing more in industry.

Submitted by Ty Bowen