

HVAC/R TECHNOLOGIES Spring 2012 OAC MINUTES

Instructor: Bart Heagy

Meeting called to order Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7PM

Roll Call

- Members in attendance: Steve Crockett, Gene Carns, Jack Powell, Michael Graham, Raymond Toto IV, and Justin Neuhof
- Members not in attendance: Stephen Cook, Calvin Haines, Rich McCarter, Gary Csnady
- Two new members were added to the committee; William Sinton and Martin Gorman
- HVAC/R industry represented by members employed in the installation, service, and proprietary ownership, as well as a former career and technical educational director.

Approval of Fall 2011 Minutes

Review and discussed un-finished business

- Committee recommends the program acquiring at least one R-410a residential split air conditioning system.
- Review of co-op and intern program- Gene Carns was told that current student's are available on an "as needed basis" as long as proper notification is given to Mr. Heagy and Mr. Raihall. Senior Justin Neuhof shared his experiences with his current internship at Longwood Gardens. The committee will continue to offer job shadow opportunities as they come available.
- Letters to current members pertaining to attendance, and to possible new membership has been approved by TCHS administration as well as the committee and will be sent out prior to the fall 2012 meeting.
- Principal Michael Katch made an announcement, that the TCHS HVAC/R Technologies and Electronics programs have been awarded a grant to purchase electrical motor starters and digital control simulators for the programs. Thanks went out to Jack Powell for attending the Mecha-Tronics meeting with Mr. Heagy to help prepare the grant.
- Members approved purchasing the necessary equipment to have the Carpentry program build a storage rack for the acetylene and nitrogen cylinders, and also noted the possible safety hazard while touring the lab area.
- Members noted the completion and installation of the hydronic boiler installed by Octorara Senior Chester Taylor.
- Mr. Heagy noted the possibility of acquiring residential R410a air conditioning systems that has been donated to the CAT-B HVAC program. Members also advised researching supply houses for possible "scratch/dent" equipment, or contacting equipment manufacturers.

- Committee Co-Chairman Jack Powell presented two draft letters to current and potential OAC members for approval by TCHS administration. The committee voted to have the letters sent to members who have missed three consecutive meetings and local HVAC/R companies.

New Business

- Mr. Heagy updated the committee on his progress in obtaining his vocational education teaching certification. He currently is enrolled at DCCC and preparing to take the English Praxis examination. This will complete the necessary requirements for his Vocational Level I (VOC I) certification.
- NOCTI test dates for 11/12 Senior's is temporarily scheduled in April 2012. Mr. Crockett and Mr. Davis expressed interest in proctoring the performance part of the exam.
- Mr. Heagy explained the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and how TCHS is implementing several teaching strategies to improve CTE student's NOCTI and PSSA results.
- On 12/13/12 the HVAC/R Technologies took a class trip to Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology. The transportation for this trip was funded through Perkins. Thank you to Mame Linford for allowing this.
- Attendance currently at 94.8%, TCHS goal is 95%.
- Introduction of David Booth, CAT B's new HVAC/R Technologies instructor.
- Approval of (2) \$100 gift certificates to be purchased using money raised by salvaging donated equipment. These certificates are to be awarded to one outstanding senior from both the AM and PM programs.
- 14 Senior's are graduating.
- A Non-Trad Swap day will take place on 05/11/12. This event will allow students the opportunity to explore non-traditional programs.
- Possible acquisition of more R-22 before the price rises substantially.
- Two new members were voted in to the committee; Martin Gorman, and William Sinton. Both of who currently work at Sinton Heating and Air Conditioning in Kennett Square, PA.

Date of Next Meeting

- October 2012

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM