

C.N.Y.A.P.T. Meeting – May 11, 2006

President Dave Deuel called CNYAPT meeting to order on Thursday May 11, 2006 at 10:10 a.m. at Matthews Bus Sales with 32 members present.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Sheila Williams to accept the Minutes from the April, 2006 meeting with the correction of the word “no” to now”. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Terri Kuss, seconded by Carlos Reese to accept the Treasures report with a balance carried forward of 2,129.36.

Speech Contest:

Contestant # 1

Rachel Hurd - Sandy Creek Central School

“Seat Belts: Helpful? Or Harmful?”

Contestant # 2

Elizabeth Lawrence - Sandy Creek Central School

“A Safe Way to Start the Day”

Contestant #3

Lisa Salzman - Sandy Creek Central School

“General and Emergency Information Elementary and High School Students Should Know”

Contestant # 4

Diamond Breland - Syracuse CSD

“School Buses as Billboards”

Thanks to all the participants of the speech contest! They all did a wonderful job!
The results were as follows:

- 1st place: Diamond Breland - Syracuse CSD - Prize \$100.00
- 2nd place: Elizabeth Lawrence - Sandy Creek Central School - Prize \$75.00
- 3rd place: Rachel Hurd - Sandy Creek Central School - Prize \$25.00
- 4th place: Lisa Salzman - Sandy Creek Central School - Prize \$25.00

Congratulations to Diamond Breland from Syracuse CSD – She will go on to compete in the State level Contest in Albany in July. Good Luck Diamond!

Poster Contest Judging: Thanks to all who participated and Congratulations!

Division #1 Kdg. - 2nd grades

1st place: Noah Hardter - Liverpool (Donlin Drive Elem.)
2nd place: Tessie Jones - Sandy Creek Central School
3rd place: Maria Lore - Liverpool (Donlin Drive Elem.)

Division #2 3rd - 5th grades

1st place: Chelsea Clafin - Sandy Creek Central School
2nd place: Colleen Stalder- Cazenovia (Burton Street Elem.)
3rd place: Valarie Kampf - Sandy Creek Central School

Division #3 6th - 8th grades

1st place: Rachel Wendell - Liverpool (Wetzel Road Elem.)
2nd place: Cameron Freeman - Liverpool (Soule Road Middle)
3rd place: Sylvia Grimes - Sandy Creek Central School

Division #4 Special Needs

1st place: Malik Clare - Liverpool (Soule Road Middle)
2nd place: Brian Stringham - Liverpool (Soule Road Middle)
3rd place: Wesley Thurston - Liverpool (Morgan Road Elem.)

Matthews Bus thanked everyone for coming and a small presentation was given by Roger Harrod. The topic was Saf-T-Liner C2 – Product Knowledge. More information can be found on the Matthews website. www.matthewsbuses.com

Old Business:

1. Karen has not received a lot of housing reservations yet. Remember that they all need to be in to Karen by May 31st. There are only 5 spots left at the turf!

New Business:

1. Some of the Bills NYAPT is supporting are:
 - a. A1505 – Gantt – provides for the permanent disqualification of a school bus driver who fails random drug and alcohol testing under circumstances where they have previously failed such a test.
 - b. A2555 – Gantt – establishes a dedicated fund derived from the fines collected for violations of Section 1174 to allow for education and public information efforts related to illegal passing of school buses.
2. DOT will be issuing guidance to inspectors on the LED issue – a failed diode will not be treated as an “A” defect resulting in the bus being taken out of service. Rather it will be a “C” defect giving you time to correct the problem.
3. Don’t forget the NYAPT Photo Contest! Entry forms are now available!

CNY Rodeo:

Will be held at Oswego County Fair Grounds in Sandy Creek on May 20th. Registrations for the Rodeo are due by May 11, 2006. please send them to Deb Stevens
Sandy Creek CSD
124 Salisbury St.
Sandy Creek, N.Y. 13145
Judges + help is still needed for the Rodeo. Help is also needed for the day before to help with setting up the course. Please remember only three contestants from one district can enter. Please mark category on the registration sheet: Ex: Transit or Conventional.
Rich Dennison is doing the signs for vendors who "Buy One". They will be 24 X 24. Remember each contestant should bring a door prize.
New York Bus Sales has donated \$200.00 to wards the awards.
We need volunteers to help set up on the 19th.

Safety Camp:

Will be held June 23-25, 2006 at Colleges of the Seneca Lake (Hobart William Smith) in Geneva, N.Y. Registration forms are on the NYAPT web site. Get them in early. This is educational and a great time. Please encourage your drivers, attendants and mechanics to attend. Currently there are four teaching teams for Camp 2006. The CNY chapter has been assigned to a Basic Monitor/Attendant Course. Chuck needs a team (3-4) folks that will co-teach the PTSI curriculum.
If you are free June 24-26 (Friday PM thru Sunday morning) OR- any part in between if you can't stay the entire weekend, PLEASE let Chuck know. He has to send in our team registration by May 10th. You can email Chuck at busbosschuck@aol.com or call him at (315) 212-0675.

Scholarship:

The NY State Scholarship applications are posted on the NYAPT Website. The local scholarship applications are available on our local website. All must be in by June 1st.

Round Table

Joyce McMaster: Hi to all – everything is fine in Cazenovia!

Al Sgroi: All is great in Chittenango!

Terri Smith: Things are Great!

Carol Hawk: Things are wonderful!

Jody Keim: Things are good in Liverpool!

Paul Johnson: They had a scary experience in Solvay. A boy at a bus stop had a gun – it turned out to be an air pistol - then one of his drivers was at BOCES during a routine pick up and a boy in a gold car in the parking lot had a gun pointed up Malloy Road. The police were dispatched but with did not catch the car – so be on the look out everyone.

Diane Watkins: Things are going well at ESM – Can't wait till sports are over!!!

Rich Rogers: Things are fine in Homer!

Al Humbert: Mexico is all set!

Sheila Williams: Things are fine in Cortland!
Dave Fuller: Things are going well!
Tom Gunn: Things are fine!
Lynn Matulock: T-NT is great!
Deb Stevens: Things are great!
Melissa Goodsell: Things are good in Sandy Creek!
Pat Bailey: They had a bus accident this past week –it looked bad but everyone was OK!
Thanks to all those who helped!
Rich Denison: The signs are going well for the Roadeo! See everyone there!
Kathryne Rivas: Things are good – can't wait till end of the year!
Terri Kuss: Things in the city are fine!
Ted Finlayson-Schueler: Thanks to all the speech contest contestants! They all did a
great job! He now has his 1st year at SU under his belt!
Helen Duda: Liverpool is still in under construction but the building can be used now!
Barb Dewey: Things are good and busy in North Syracuse! She will be sending
everyone an invitation to Patty Pratt's Retirement party set for June 1st.
Jimmy James: Things in Syracuse are great!
Carlos Reese: All the sports may be the "Death" of him! There have been 40 buses a
day for sports!
Chuck Paquette: He is good and First Student is good! Remember to sign up for
Safety Camp!
James Dark: All is going great at J-D!
Peg Gilbert: Can't wait for sports to be over!
Matt Conti: Things are great!
Karen Doucette: Things are going well at J-D!
Dave Deuell: F-M place as one of 12 schools called "Quality" Schools!
They are very proud to be part of that!
Thanks to all the speech contestants and poster contest participants!
Thanks to all for coming! See you in June!

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8th at Woodcrest Golf Course.

A big thanks to Matthews Bus Sales for hosting our meeting today and for the great food!!

A motion was made by Sheila Williams, seconded by Joyce McMaster to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Peg Gilbert