

C.N.Y.A.P.T. Meeting January 11, 2007

President Dave Deuell called CNYAPT meeting to order on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 10:10 a.m. at Jamesville Dewitt High School with 12 members present. The pledge of Allegiance followed.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Rick Abend, seconded by Diane Watkins to accept the minutes from the December 14, 2006 meeting with the inclusion of the vote to pay Chad Waybright for being our Webmaster.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by James Dark, seconded by Sheila Williams, to accept the Treasures report with a balance carried forward of \$2210.36. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. We need to "Rev" up the Quest for A Million Pennies Drive. You could even make it a challenge between your district and your neighboring district. I am attaching a sheet for you to post on your penny jar.
2. Deb Stevens and Al Sgroi are having a 30 Hour Basic Driver Course Saturdays, January 20th, Through Feb 10th at Central Square Transportation Dept.
3. There is also going to be a 30 Hour Basic Course at Thompson Road BOCES – Saturdays, March 10th through March 31st.
4. A 10 Hour Basic Monitor and Attendant Class will also be offered at Thompson BOCES March 17th + March 24th.
5. Judy Clarke and Jim Ellis are still in the process of planning a SBDI Training Course possibly for this summer.
6. Reminder - the State wants Special Needs Road-eo Teams.
7. Rich Denison needs a list of vendors from you – please fill out the forms that were sent to you and send them back to him. The forms can also be found on the local CNYAPT website under <New Announcements> at www.cnyapt.org
8. There are still many districts that have not paid their dues. They are now late, as the deadline was January 1st. I am attaching a dues form to the end of the minutes for your convenience. A form can also be found on the CNYAPT website. If you do not know if you have paid or not please contact Karen Doucette @ kdoucette@jd.cnyric.org or by phone at J-D.

New Business:

1. Judy Clarke feels that it is time for a new "Driver-Training" back type Basic type of workshop in the CNY area. We have approximately \$2500 in the professional development account. Any Ideas?? Possibly something like Bob Peters hosted a few years ago. The all day refresher with many nationally known keynote speakers. Also in the past we have done a Winter Driving Workshop that was a great success. We would need to find a location large enough to accommodate whatever type of workshop decide to have. We formed a Committee at this point to look into all avenues - Judy Clarke, Diane Watkins, Karen Doucette, Peg Gilbert, Joyce McMaster, Sheila Williams and someone from North Syracuse.
2. How many Districts are presently doing DOT Physicals?
3. Has anyone had an Examiner use a cell phone while conducting a Road Test? Two districts here today have had that problem. One district reported that at one rode test recently the examiner was on the cell phone during the whole test. Suggestion – take a bus with a camera to road test.
4. DMV audits should be coming up soon. They are running about 3 months behind due to so many road tests.
5. March 27th is Operation Safe Stop. We will have our normal March meeting on the 8th and then separately hold Operation Safe Stop on the 27th. That means we will need someone to host Operation Safe Stop any March. Any Volunteers????
6. The winter Workshop in Albany is February 23 + 24th. More Information and the registration form can be found on the NYAPT website.
7. Lori Kline resigned from NYAPT – Peter is at the moment doing both jobs.
8. Legislative Advocacy Day is April 17th at the Capital Legislative Office Building. Many senators and assemblymen + assemblywomen will be there so plan on trying to attend. Make your reservations at the turf by March 31st.

9. Sheila Williams passed out a survey and letters to send out if we are interested in advocating a stamp to honor bus drivers.

Committee Reports:

SBDI Committee:

Communication Committee:

Rodeo Committee:

History Committee:

Scholarship Committee:

1. The state scholarship applications will be due April 15th this year and will be able to be found on the NYAPT website very soon. As you know there is an adult section with a \$1000 scholarship offered – New this year, there will also be an SBDI Course scholarship and a 19-A Examiner Course scholarship sponsored by PTSI. So be sure to fill out your applications.
2. Our local scholarship Committee will be meeting on April 6, applications and rules are available now through Mike Janisch and I will have Chad post them on our website.

Mike Janisch or someone else from North Syracuse will be taking over the 50-50 raffles each month.

Today's 50-50 - Winner was Dave Fuller who won \$9.00. Congratulations Dave!

Round Table:

Joyce McMaster

One of her Driver's saved disabled women from a burning building. He was driving by it with a sport team when they noticed the women by the door – he stopped the bus and did pull keys and he and coach went to help the women out of the house. Some people found fault with him not pumping his breaks down before he got off the bus. They also had a bomb scare last Friday night at 4:30 and then again on Monday morning at 10:30. It has been a terrible month for them with all kinds negative publicity.

Mike Janisch

He is very happy that Tammy has joined them as the newest dispatcher! He also wanted to “clear” the record about an article in the paper a couple of months ago – their driver did not put their lights on to let another driver out on Taft Road as the article had stated. They have a special needs child that they were dropping and were using the lift and such and it did take a few minutes.

Judy Clarke

She is doing fine.

Karen Doucette

Thanks to all for the help on the driver surveys regarding pay – they have been a big help.

Peg Gilbert

We had a “hit and run” accident 1st thing this am. A tractor trailer (minus the trailer) came at our bus on Fremont Road. Our driver moved over as far as she could to avoid a head on and the truck took out the mirrors and broke the drivers window. The truck just kept going and never even slowed down. It was dark so our driver could not identify the truck. There were no students on and no one was injured.

Dave Deuel

We need to have more members come to these meetings. If anyone sees people who are not here – ask them to please come.

Shawn Scoville

Things are great!

Rich Rogers

Things are good in Homer.

Sheila Williams

Things are OK in Cortland.

Dave Fuller

It was almost good to get back to work after 4 weeks off! He is feeling better now!

James Dark

Things are good at J-D.

Diane Watkins

Peg already told you how our morning went. We have noticed a huge increase in bus prices. Approximately 6 – 8 thousand per bus more due in most part to all the emission changes on the 2007 engines. Districts may have to decrease orders. We are all holding our breath to see what happens when the cold weather hits!!

A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Shawn Scoville to adjourn the meeting at 11:45.
Motion carried.

Our Next Meeting is Thursday, February 8, 2007 at F-M District Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Gilbert

**CENTRAL NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION**

Affiliated with the New York Association for Pupil Transportation

DESCRIPTION

Dues for 2006-2007

AMOUNT DUE

\$25.00 per person

Make Checks Payable to:

Central New York Assoc. for Pupil Transportation (CNYAPT)

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Person or Persons - Please Include Job Title:

Total Amount Paid: _____

Due Date: January 1, 2007

Please Mail to:

Karen Doucette
Transportation Department
Jamesville-DeWitt CSD
Edinger Drive
P.O. Box 606
DeWitt, N.Y. 13214