

CNYAPT MEETING JUNE 14, 2007

President Dave Deuel called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. at The White Tail with 33 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Thank you to New York Bus Sales for sponsoring this meeting today!

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Pat Bailey, seconded by Rich Denison, to accept the minutes from the May10, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Judy Clarke, seconded by Carol Hawk to accept the treasurer's report, with a balance carried forward of \$2,491.36. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development Fund is \$2,274.41. Motion carried.

New Business

1. September 10, 2007 is "Enforcement Day" this year for Operation Safe Stop. The Official day for Operation Safe Stop will be April 2, 2008 this year and that is when the press conference will be held.
2. Lynn Matulock made a motion, seconded by Pat Bailey, to nominate Roseanne Wood from First Student as a member of our chapter. Motion carried. Welcome and congratulations Roseanne!

Old Business

1. The October 13 Driver Workshop Committee decided to charge \$20 per driver for the workshop and use the PD funds available to the chapter for the other \$20 per driver. The plans are coming together nicely and presenters and workshops are presently being "firmed up." Instead of having individual workshops and the drivers rotating about to different locations – it was decided to use the huge auditorium available for all the workshops and have the presenters themselves each come into the auditorium with a break in between each workshop for set up time. A reminder memo will be sent to each district later this summer to get the actual number of drivers interested in coming to the workshop. The maximum allowed will be 120.
2. Thanks again to everyone who helped out at the Rodeo. It was a great success! We had 28 drivers participate this year!
3. We will be taking a chapter picture of the group today to use in the 50 Anniversary Journal for NYAPT. The History committee continues to gather information. If anyone can think of anything that should be added or helpful – please contact Ruth Koch at ruthkoch@twcny.rr.com. Rich Rogers, Diane Watkins, Cindy Raulli and Joyce McMaster will also help.
4. There will be at least 2 speech contestants competing in Albany in July – Diamond Breland and at least one other. Good luck to the contestants!
5. At this month's Board Meeting it was decided to withdraw the amendment to the by-laws regarding active and associate members. It will be postponed until next year so that the Chapters can be better informed before voting.
6. Numbers are still down this year for Conference attendance - please get your reservations in! You can check the workshop schedule online.

Committee Reports: No Committee Reports were given today.

Awards:

Al Sgroi and Dave Deuel met with Karen Doucette this year to go over the nominees and make selections for our Awards this year. With Karen retiring – we need to have more people to help on this committee. It usually only entails meeting a few times at the end of May each year and possibly 1 time in June. Judy Clarke, Rich Denison and Joyce McMaster have offered to help next year.

Our Award Winners this year are as follows:

Vendor Award: Matthew's Bus Sales for exceptional support and service!

President's Award: For his Quiet Strength and Leadership – this year's award went to John Cunningham from F-M.

Heroism Award: This year's Award goes to North Syracuse Bus Driver Michele Fitzsimmons for saving an Autistic Child from being hit by another vehicle. Michelle was on her way to work on the morning of May 16, 2007 when she noticed a very small child alone in the middle of the road. She also noticed that approaching traffic was an immediate danger to the child. She and another driver positioned their vehicles in a position in the road so as to offer some protection to the child and then Michelle jumped from her vehicle to scoop up the child and get him off the road to a safe spot and called for assistance. We are all proud to have such a dedicated transportation employee in our neighboring district! Thanks Michelle!

Supervisors Award: Karen Doucette from J-D for her high level of ability and low level of complaints! (We also want to thank Karen for being such a great Treasurer for our Chapter for all of these years!!)

Congratulations to all of our winners!!

Nomination of Officers:

In the absence of our Nomination Committee Chairperson Barb Dewey – President Dave Deuel ran the elections this year.

President: Matt Conti (Our Vice President) is not here today because he had contract negotiations at work - but he has agreed to take over the office of President of our chapter after the conference in July. Congratulations Matt!

Vice President: Three times Dave Deuel asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President. One nomination was made for Diane Watkins. Since Diane was the only nomination, a motion was made by Peg Gilbert, seconded by Pat Bailey, that the polls be closed and the secretary cast one ballot to appoint Diane Watkins as CNYAPT Vice President. Motion carried. Congratulations Diane!

Secretary: Three times Dave Deuel asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. One nomination was made for Peg Gilbert. Since Peg was the only nomination, a motion was made by Karen Doucette, seconded by Pat Bailey, that the polls be closed and the secretary cast one ballot to appoint Peg Gilbert as CNYAPT Secretary. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Three times Dave Deuel asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer. One nomination was made for James Dark. Since James was the only nomination, a motion was made by Karen Doucette, seconded by Peg Gilbert, that the polls be closed and the secretary cast one ballot to appoint James Dark as CNYAPT Treasurer. Motion carried. Congratulations James!

Marlene and George from New York Bus Sales took this time to thank everyone for letting them be a part of our Chapter and to introduce the new Sales Manager Jeff Zimar. He has been in the transportation business for over 30 years and is thrilled to be here and would like to now and again attend our meetings. He, George and Marlene are all there if we need them! We as a chapter want to take this opportunity to thank all of them for sponsoring such a wonderful day today!

Roundtable:

Cindy Raulli	We had a great end of year and they will start preparing for the fall!
Robin Cashel	Things are going well in Sandy Creek. Looking forward to summer!
Julie Bradish	Things are great in Mexico!
Deb Stevens	Things are fine in Sandy Creek!
Bob Peters	Things are Wonderful in Liverpool! Thanks very much to Karen Doucette and Dave Deuel for your service to this Chapter!
Ted Finlayson-Schueler	Things are going well at SU – He has been busy updating the 30 Hour Basic Course and writing the PDS's for the next 5 years.
Judy Clarke	She would like to point out that Dave only missed 1 meeting during his term as our President. Thanks for being such a dedicated
John Cunningham	All is well at F-M!
Lynn Matulock	Things are fine at First Student. Congratulations to all the new officers!
Ty Worrell	Things are good at First Student.
Roseanne Wood	First Student is doing fine!
Joyce McMaster	Things are going well in Cazenovia!
Terri Smith	Things are great in Skaneateles!
Sharon Morsdorf	Weedsport has been very busy – but good.
Carol Hawk	They had quite a scare in Weedsport – 2 of their drivers – a husband and wife – were in a terrible auto accident. They have had 2 subs running their routes all year. Carol praises her department for pulling together and getting through a tough situation! She is very glad the year is over!
Shawn Scoville	Things are good in Cincinnatus.
Rich Rogers	Congratulations to the new officers and many thanks to Dave Deuel and Karen Doucette for all their hard work and dedication for the Chapter! Karen – all the best in your retirement!
Pat Bailey	Congratulations Karen and much happiness! Things have really calmed down In the City. They have special cameras with sonar on their buses now, which have helped a lot. They have also raised the starting pay for their drivers. Have a great summer everybody!

Diane Watkins Congratulations Karen! Thanks to both Karen and Dave for all their hard work. The building project at ESM was slow getting started – but they are making progress now! The projected finish date is November 1st – We'll see!

James Dark He will miss Karen!

Terri Kuss Have a great summer everybody!

Kathryne Rivas Syracuse may have had a hard start this year – but they had a great finish to the year!

Tom Waldron They have some new buses coming in this summer with GPS + Sonar and he is looking forward to that! Have a nice summer everybody!

Nelson Pohoresky Have a nice summer everyone!

Al Sgroi All is going well in Chittenango! Another safe year!

George Darling Thanks to everyone for coming today! Have a nice summer!

Karen Doucette Thanks to everyone for all your support over the years! Have a great summer!

Dave Deuel A big thanks to New York Bus Sales for today! Also Thanks to his present boss Judy, his former boss Pat, and his wife Liz for their support and encouragement! Have a great summer everybody!

Peg Gilbert Well, you can see straight through our bus garage at the moment – but things are moving along. The trailers we are in are Ok – Things could be a lot worse! Diane has to have knee surgery the beginning of July – so it is likely to be a long summer for us! Have a great summer everybody!

Thanks again to New York Bus Sales for sponsoring our meeting here today and for all your support throughout the year!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2007 at Syracuse City Schools Transportation Department. We hope to see everyone there! Have a great summer everyone!!

A motion was made by James Dark, seconded by Peg Gilbert, to adjourn today's meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Gilbert