

CNYAPT MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2007

President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at 10:05 am with 31 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Thank you to Syracuse City Schools for hosting today's meeting.

Our Guest speaker today was Mark Spawn – Chief of Police for Fulton. He spoke about their School Bus Safety and Enforcement Program. It is used to enhance reporting of §1174 VTL Violation – Passed School Bus. It is a three- part form to record information promptly + comprehensively. It has worked out very successfully for them in Fulton. He has shared the form and successes with other Law Enforcement Agencies and he will be sharing it with the NY Safety Council and NYAPT. They would like to build a necessary bridge between Law Enforcement Agencies and Transportation Departments and eventually we can all work together toward this common goal. Mark will be glad to sit down with us and customize a form for our own Districts and Local Law Enforcement agencies. There is a sample of the form on the FultonPD.com web site under the NYAPT Link – then Traffic Safety page. Marks' e-mail is mspawn@fultonpd.com. He will be glad to speak to anyone about the program. The more that get involved – the better.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Carol Hawk, seconded by Judy Clarke, to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Pat Bailey, seconded by Sheila Williams to accept the treasurer's report, with a balance carried forward of \$1,909.60. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development Fund is \$2,275.15. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. We have 103 participants including the Presenters – for the October 13 Workshop at Welch- Allen. There is still room for a few more if anyone wishes to attend. They can accommodate 125 people. The price will be \$40 per person. Half of the cost will be paid by the attendees and the other half will be paid by this Chapter from the Professional Development Fund. A motion was made by Joyce McMaster, seconded by Pat Bailey to allocate up to, but not to exceed \$22.50 for the cost of the other \$20.00 per person for the workshop. Motion carried. Thanks to all who helped set up this workshop – Al, Peg, Dave, Diane, Judy, Joyce, Matt, Linda....
2. There was a NYAPT Board Meeting September 28th + 29th. They approved the SBDI Curriculum for our PDS course for the next 5 years. Ted Finlayson – Schueler got the contract to do them.
3. NYAPT Vice President Dominic Barse has stepped down from the position – So NYAPT will be looking for a new Vice President if anyone is interested.

New Business

1. Ken Holland made a motion, seconded by Pat Bailey, to nominate Mary Kimball from School Bus Training Team for membership in our chapter. Motion carried.
2. Matt Conti made a motion, seconded by Pat Bailey, to nominate Jerry Williams from West Genesee for membership in our chapter. Motion carried.
3. Pat Bailey made a motion, seconded by Rich Rogers to nominate Chuck Paquette for membership in our chapter. Motion carried. Welcome to all of our new members!
4. We need to star a committee to expand on our chapter 's active membership. We have many members that are not active that have to be contacted and encouraged to participate. Chuck Paquette will chair the committee and Dave Deuel will help him.
5. The Art Shock committee is looking for some history on the past award winners. Joyce McMaster and John Durfee will work on this.
6. Chuck Paquette announced that there will be a Safe Camp at Hobart in June 2008. The dates will be June 27, 28, 29. the new mission this year will be to have something for everyone involved in transportation at every level. By January they should have a concrete agenda set.

Committee Reports: No Committee Reports were given today.

At this time we took some time out to have a cake to celebrate Sheila Williams retirement at the end of this month. Congratulations and all the best Sheila!

Roundtable:

James Dark	Things are going very well at West Genesee!
Pat Bailey	It's been a good school year so far. They have a new contract with First Student. They love their new web based GPS and the Duel Cameras are awesome. They also have Child Check Mate on the buses – so all of these things have made for a great start to the year!
Matt Conti	Things are going well. Opening went well. They have 76 new buses – so that is wonderful! Dona Beauchea has accepted a position for Manager of Special Needs Program in Cincinnati.
Terri Kuss	It has been a great year so far. They have had plenty of drivers!
Deb Stevens	They had an incident at their Transportation Department (in the shop) recently that could have been very tragic. It was certainly an eye opener! One of their mechanic helpers was pinned between one of the buses and a van he was working on. The bus had been left in gear by mistake and running and it rolled. The mechanic is recovering – but just a caution to pay attention to the shop and their safety as well as our drivers.
Kathy Jamerson	Opening at Oswego BOCES went well. They are doing great!
Jim Edick	Things are going well in Central Square!
Tim Osier	Baldwinsville had a good opening!
Lynn Matulock	They are having a good year-the drivers are happy! All the best to Sheila!

Tyrone Worrell	Things are great!
Roxanne Wood	Due to an angry student in their district – they had to have a campus “lock out.” They escorted the angry student out and no one could come in. They are working on refining the procedure for the whole district.
Dave Deuel	Things are good a F-M. They had a little scare at IC – a gas leak. Everything worked out ok though. Dave announced that he would like to run for NYAPT Vice President.
Terri Smith	Things are OK in Skaneateles. They also have Child check Mate now and really like it.
Carol Hawk	They had a great opening at Weedsport. They are having Bus Safety Camp all next week.
Mary Kimball	The safe bus is almost complete. Pat + chuck are going to help with writing up the legal and liability aspects. It will probably be another 2 weeks.
Al Humbert	Things are good at Mexico. No snow yet!
Judy Clarke	Thanks to Carol Hawk for hosting the SBDI Class. She did a wonderful job! This week she had a grueling week. She had to spend it in Federal Court – she and the district have a suit against them. All she can recommend is that in order to protect ourselves we need to document, document and document things that happen. Everything!!
Joyce McMaster	Cazenovia had a good opening.
Rich Denison	Things are going well. There is not enough time to fix all the welded back-up lights! Availability seems to be the issue.
Chuck Paquette	Everything is fantastic! No Stress!
Sheila Williams	Well the big retirement day will be here at the end of the month! Thanks to everyone in our chapter. What a great group of people! Thanks for all the support! She will visit!
Rich Rogers	Things are fine in Homer. He will miss Sheila! One of his mechanics retired in September after 30 years of service. Change is hard – he will be missed!
Jerry Williams	They had a really good opening. He is enjoying the job so far!
Tom Gunn	Oswego’s opening went well!
Shawn Scoville	Things are good. They had a car pass one of their buses and one of the new cameras the police are using caught the car. It turns out the car had false plates on it.
Al Sgroi	They had 21 driver changes this year! Their opening was great! They are having trouble with their Transfinder e-mail.

Ken Holland Opening went well at Phoenix. The state has approved them for 41 million dollars to add a school and new bus garage. Their GPS is great and worth every cent!

Cindy Raulli Things are going well in Liverpool. Their “School Bus Safety Patrol” Program is working out very well.

50-50 today was \$41.00 – Ken Holland was the happy winner of \$20.50. Congratulations Ken!

Thanks again to Syracuse City School District for sponsoring our meeting here today!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 8 @ Barbagallos – Sponsored by Leonard Bus Sales.

We hope to see everyone there!

A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Shawn Scoville to adjourn today’s meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Gilbert