

CNYAPT MEETING JANUARY 10, 2008

President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at Liverpool Transportation Department at 10:03 am with 22 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Thank you to Bob Peters and Liverpool Transportation for hosting our meeting today!

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Dave Deuel, seconded by Tim Durham, to accept the minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Dave Deuel, seconded by Terri Smith, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the December 13, 2007 meeting with a balance carried forward of \$1718.60. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$210.20. Motion carried

Old Business

1. **Just a reminder – Only 13 districts/members have paid their dues so far – please check to see if you still owe dues!** Matt handed out dues sheets (they can also be found on our website <http://www.cnyapt.org/reminders.html>) and it was decided that the “dues” would be paid for September through June each school year.
2. NYAPT is still looking for nominations for the Art Shock Award. It would be wonderful if someone local was nominated.
3. Judy Clarke will be sending a flyer to all districts by sometime next month about the cookbook to replenish the professional development fund. Please have all your drivers submit a favorite recipe and a picture of the driver with their bus if you would like. Judy is thinking of an end of March deadline. Dave Deuel says there is quite an interest in having another workshop like we did in October – so replenishing the account is extremely important and if we can't – then it would cost more person to do it. Would districts help pay for their people to go and if so how much? The cost would be \$40/person without the money from the personal development fund. Is it a possibility that districts could put an allotment in their budget for something like this? We could also check to see if there are any grants available for this type of thing. Bob Peters will check to see if the CR Foundation could help us at all with this. A list of topics that people are interested in is being compiled – so let Judy or Dave know if you think of something you would like as a topic. As for the “directions” book to sell – We will need to do a “cost analysis” – selling that would be much more difficult than the cookbook would be.
4. Ted from Safety Rules has the final Draft on his website now of the 2008 PDS – Please feel free to check it over for misspellings or glitches. <http://www.safetyrules.net/>

New Business

1. Peter Lawrence from Fairport sent notice that the office of Family Services was offering a free seminar – How to handle difficult people. Children left on Buses is another topic being offered. PTSI has a video and Presentation that they sell:
“**Out of Site – Out of Mind**” about a 22-year veteran bus driver, whose life was totally changed after having left a child on a bus. Utica Mutual Insurance Co. has the program available also and they will send it to you if you call them. Some of you may have already received it or your superintendents may have, so you should check.
2. State elections will be taking place this year – the President Elect position is open. Dave Christopher is interested and will give up the position of Treasurer if he decides to run. So the position of Treasurer will be open as well as the position of Vice President. Just something to keep in mind about the Vice President position – it is really an 8-year obligation. According to the By-Laws – to hold an Executive Office you have to be a DISTRICT Employee.
3. Matt Conti will be starting up the 50-50 raffle again at the February meeting.
4. It's time to start applying for the State and local scholarships soon. The State application is posted on the NYAPT Website and also on our Website at <http://www.cnyapt.org/events.html>. The local applications will be posted shortly. Mike is supposed to be bringing them to our February meeting.

Committee Reports: (the board meeting for this month has not occurred yet so there are not many committee reports)

Legislative Committee: No Report at this time.

Pupil Safety Committee: No Report at this time.

Professional Development Committee: No Report at this time.

Operation Safe Stop:

The date this year is Wednesday, April 2nd, 2008 at The Syracuse City Transportation Department. We will change our April meeting to that day instead of the following week so we can take part in it.

Safety Camp Committee:

Chuck Paquette is the State Chair -

The dates: June 27-29 at Hobart College

Chuck would like all of us to think about getting a teaching team together to help out – they are in need of quite a few teams. (remember the teams get free room + board!) So please check your calendars - let him Chuck know if you are interested. The dorms are all new this year and have air conditioning. There will be a Basic, Advanced and a Mechanical Course as well. The cost for attending the safety camp will be \$125 per person.

Road-eo Committee:

Our local Road-eo this year is going to be May 17, 2008. Deb Stevens will be taking care of the logistics and Dave Deuel will be handling Registration. So be looking for contestants during February and March. Jim Ellis would like to do a Special Needs Road-eo in conjunction with our local one. It would require a separate area - and it may lengthen the day slightly. So we would need to decide is we want to incorporated. It is also being discussed that some other districts should bring vehicles to the Road-eo - so no district is using their own vehicles for the competition. This way no one would have an “advantage” over anyone else. There will no longer be a need for buses to do the pre-trip portion – so there will not be a need for quite as many buses. The K turn is definitely in and so is the parallel park. They may also include evacuation scenarios.

Roundtable:

Tyrone Worrell	We had a rough start at First Student East but things are pretty good now. They have been having equipment difficulties but they are monitoring it.
Eric Woodward	He went from Dispatcher to Safety Officer and he is very happy with the change in his position. This job is more “Hands On” and he is really enjoying it. He would also like to help with the “directions” book.
Tom Waldon	Things are fine in the “Small Bus Division”
Roseanne Wood	She is doing well acting in Ty’s old position at First Student.
Helen Duda	Yesterday’s “Delay” was a great call on all districts parts with power lines down and standing water – it gave a chance for things to be cleaned up a bit.
Tim Durham	Things are going well at A&E – He is looking for a new Safety Person as of Friday of this week.
Mike Janisch	It’s great to be back – he has missed everyone.
Carol Hawk	On January 22 nd at Cayuga BOCES – they and the Auburn Police Department held a “Mock Hijacking”.
Sharon Morsdorf	Things are fine in Weedsport.
Terri Smith	Things are great in Skaneateles!
Cindy Raulli	She is glad to be here today. Welcome to Liverpool everyone! Things are busy – but good.
Dave Deuel	Ika, Judy and Linda say hello! F-M’s Girls Cross Country Team came in #1 again this year for the 2 nd year in a row! Congratulations to the Cross Country Girls at F-M!
Chuck Paquette	Things are going very well!
Terri Kuss	Things have been relatively quiet for her – “All calls go to Chuck now” - Thanks Chuck!
Melissa Owens	P.E.A.C.E. INC. also delayed yesterday – they follow the area schools decisions – thanks for making safe decisions.
Bob Peters	Welcome to Liverpool everyone! Thanks for coming! Things are going well!
Ann Hamlin	She has no complaints! Things are going well.
Jerry Williams	Things are peaceful at West Genesee.
James Dark	They survived their 1 st audit since he has been there!

Peg Gilbert	Everything is going well at ESM!
Diane Watkins	She was glad they went with the 2 hour delay yesterday. It was a good call – It gave them a chance to clean up limbs, wires etc. It is far better to error on the side of caution.
Matt Conti	Things are going well. After Christmas break they had a few strange things going on in the way of equipment failure: i.e. batteries dying, sonar & cameras – “dying” – radios not working – alarms going off – etc,. – They found if they unhooked the batteries and hooked them back up then they worked OK. They have checked with the vendors on these things and they are monitoring things.

Thanks again to Liverpool for sponsoring our meeting here today!!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 14, 2008 at Fayetteville – Manlius District Office.

We hope to see everyone there!

A motion was made by chuck Paquette, seconded by Carol Hawk to adjourn today’s meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Gilbert