



2007-2009 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Matt Conti – President/Director

Diane Watkins – Vice President/Alt Director

James Dark – Treasurer

Peg Gilbert – Secretary

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING Thursday, May 15, 2008

Today's meeting was held at Matthews Bus, Inc., 7313 Northern Blvd. The Call to Order was made at 10:10 a.m. by President Matt Conti. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Rich Rogers. There were 24 members present. A special thank you is extended to our sponsors, Matthews Buses, Inc.

Secretary's Report

President Conti called for additions/corrections to the minutes previously distributed and posted by Secretary Gilbert. None were offered. Rich Rogers moved, seconded by Al Sgroi, to accept the minutes. By a unanimous vote the minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dark announced the following balances in CNYAPT accounts as of the day of the meeting: checking account \$2243.60; professional development savings account \$210.20. Al Humbert moved, seconded by Julie Bradish, to accept the treasurer's report. By a unanimous vote the treasurer's report was accepted followed by lengthy discussion on how the chapter could boost the professional development account.

Old Business

Judy Clarke revisited the idea of a fundraiser "Chapter Cookbook". We have discussed the need to raise funds to replenish the professional development account. This fund is in place for us to provide training programs for our staff. The cookbook team met and some ideas were shared on how it could be developed and published and made available for sale. Judy will chat with Joyce McMaster and Dave Deuel and the team to see how to move this project forward. Are there other ideas out there for fundraising activities to generate funds for the professional development account???

Ted Finlayson-Schueler suggested that funds be transferred from the general account to the professional development account.

Discussion ensued about another "chapter" training day much like the program that was held in October 2007. By all accounts the day was a great success. The chapter sponsored "half" the cost of each attendee. Matt Conti suggested that a forty dollar charge for attendance was not out of the realm of possibility. Judy Clarke stated that two different sites had been looked at and the overhead would be less for a future event. She and Joyce will contact the folks at Cazenovia College with some date options for this fall and investigate the possibility of another training day. BOCES is the other site being looked into.

Members are asked to survey their staff to see what the "end users" – drivers and attendants, etc. – feel the needs are for training. We should tailor programs to meet the perceived needs.

Safety Camp (STEW) is scheduled for June 27-29, 2008, at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY. Chuck Paquette reported that the deadline for registration has been extended until May 23rd. Purchase Orders *are* being accepted to hold a space. PLEASE send registrations as soon as possible to the NYAPT office in Albany – fax them for fastest processing. Contact Chuck Paquette for further information or if you would like to help at the camp.

New Business

The annual Professional Development Seminar (PDS) for SBDIs was the next topic of conversation. There has been mixed reviews of the sites and process of arranging PDS dates; however, PTSI handles that piece of the training for the PDS. Ted F-S wrote the curriculum. He taught five sessions. Those in attendance at today's meeting who had attended a PDS thus far indicated their pleasure with the program. Some questions arose about what would be done with the information gathered from the "homework" assignment. Ted offered that the vendor to receive the contract with SED to produce and publish a Pre-Service Curriculum would have access to the information. We all agreed in that the way to find out what the folks in the field need in terms of training and specifically pre-service training should come from the folks that do it. (Sound familiar?) Class size was initially thought to be a concern; however, Ted stated that in each of the PDSs he taught there were several "no shows". PTSI would know about statistics for "no shows" or claims of "hardship". Suggestions about sites should be offered to PTSI, 315-475-1386.

The NYAPT election of officers takes place in July at the conference. Anyone interested in running who meets the criteria to hold statewide office should indicate their intent in writing to Past President Pat Bailey at the following address:

Syracuse CSD Transportation Center
369 Sixth North Street
Syracuse, NY 13208

The license plate reader bus has been up and running since early April in the Syracuse City School District. The exterior cameras are provided through a grant and in a nutshell take snapshots of the license plates of vehicles that pass the school bus when the red lights are flashing. The technology is amazing! It is a "first in the nation" project. There has been a lot of press coverage both locally and nationally.

Chapter Awards should be submitted to Judy Clarke at the following address:

Fayetteville-Manlius CSD Transportation Center
222 West Franklin Street
Fayetteville, NY 13066

Nominations are accepted through June 6, 2008 for the following categories:

President's Award; Supervisor of the Year; Vendor of the Year; Heroism

PLEASE acknowledge the exceptional jobs the staff does. Nominate someone TODAY!

Along the same lines – SBDI of the Year nominations are also being taken at PTSI. Everyone must know a deserving SBDI. Take some time, think about it, and submit a name. Recognition among peers for great work is the best way to keep the great work coming!

ROAD-EO season is among us! Congratulations to the Cortland area supervisors and organizers who worked tirelessly to put on a terrific road-eo. It was a successful day!

The CNYAPT rodeo is May 17, 2008. There are 20 individuals and 7 teams scheduled to participate in the day's events. For the first time since 1987 a special needs road-eo will be held locally. Check the web site for the results of the road-eo events.

Scott Gablenz ("new" supervisor at Cortland Enlarged City Schools) was nominated for membership by Rich Rogers, seconded by Chuck Paquette. A vote was taken – welcome back into the fold, Scott!!

Round Table

Cheryl Coon – Chittenango CSD – All is well; busy, but well!

Al Sgroi – Chittenango CSD – Sports season is letting up – yay! They typically have 8-13 sport trips/day.

Cindy Raulli – Liverpool CSD – Things are great in Liverpool!

Jody Keim – Liverpool CSD – Ann is staying busy!

Ann Hamlin – Liverpool CSD – Thanks to Jody for her role in organizing the district's poster contest. She is looking forward to the end of the school year.

Scott Gablenz – Cortland CSD – He's glad to be back; all is well!

Rich Rogers – Homer CSD – Thanks to the folks who helped at their local road-eo. It was a great day!

Ken Holland – Phoenix CSD – The ground-breaking for the new transportation facility took place. He's also looking forward to the end of the year.

Al Humbert – Mexico CSD – There is snow left in one parking lot in Mexico. He is especially proud of Julie Bradish who is getting her certificate in Transportation Management at MVCC. Julie was a NYAPT Scholarship winner and put it to great use!

Julie Bradish – Mexico CSD – She took 2 ½ years to complete the online program. She was very pleased; she learned a lot and encourages anyone to look into the program. She did it with 5 kids running around the house! KUDOS to Julie!

Terri Kuss – Syracuse CSD – Things are going great. This has been an awesome year!

Kathryne Rivas – Syracuse CSD – Everything is fine in Syracuse.

Ted Finlayson-Schueler – Safety Rules! – Things are good!

Roxanne Vann – Baldwinsville CSD – Looking forward to the end of the school year and summer!

Tim Osier – Baldwinsville CSD – Everything's great in B'ville.
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Lisa Reiss – East Syracuse-Minoa CSD – Things are a little nuts – driver shortages, sports trips, and everyday fun stuff. Peg's husband is doing well!

Judy Clarke – Nice to see Scott! She's looking forward to the conference...Scott/Rich Show??? ;-)

Deb Stevens – First Student WEST – She's two months into the new job. There is something of a culture shock; however, she's honored to be working with a great team.

Marilyn Storie/Melissa Goodsell – Sandy Creek CSD – It's poster time!

Robin Cashell – Sandy Creek CSD – 3 sports runs a day is a lot!

Ty Worrell – First Student EAST – He has a new job; he is the contract manager now. Deb is doing a great job at FS!

Luther Everson – First Student – Things are busy. Hello to everyone!

Carol Hawk – Weedsport CSD – It has been a busy spring! All is well – great weather so far!

Sharon Morsdorf – Weedsport CSD – They are short on drivers. Even Carol is out on the road!

Chuck Paquette – Syracuse CSD – Pat is at PTSI board meeting. Hello to all. Things are going very well in Syracuse. We hope the camera bus and the media coverage help to deter illegal passing. Lots of good folks are very involved in the project.

James Dark – West Genesee CSD – Things are good at WG.

Matt Conti – First Student WEST – Things are going well – just ask the SCSD people! There have been a lot of changes in office staff since January. Deb is a great addition to the great staff on board. Is the 2nd Thursday *not* a good day for our chapter meetings? Maybe folks should bring their school calendars (when published) and we can look at the dates and avoid peak conflict times to avail more folks of the opportunity to attend chapter meetings/functions.

Adjournment & next meeting information

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. The poster contest judging followed the meeting. The results will be posted on the chapter web site, which is found at <http://www.cnyapt.org/>

Next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2008, at Woodcrest Golf & Country Club. More info will follow.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Chuck Paquette
“Secretary for the Day”