



2008-2009 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

Today's meeting was held at Barbagallo's Restaurant. Vice President Chuck Paquette called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. There were 32 members present. A very special thank you is extended to Leonard Bus Sales for hosting the meeting today.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Tim Durham, seconded by Mike Janisch, to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's

A motion was made by Carol Hawk, seconded by Luther Everson, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$2,838.99. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$210.20. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Ruth Koch says hello and thanks. Happy Holidays to all!
 The Head Mechanics meeting is also today at J-D. We will get a schedule of there future meetings.

Committee Reports:

The next NYAPT Board of Directors meeting is the 1st weekend in December.

Chuck is sending around 4 CNYAPT Committee sign up sheets – They are as follows:
 (Including those who have signed up so far)

Poster Committee: Julie Bradish, Deb Stevens, Laura D'Arcangelis and Pat Bailey.

Professional Development Committee: Bob Peters, Roxanne Bocyck, Ted Finlayson – Schueler and Diane Watkins.

Steering Committee: Bob Peters, Cindy Raulli, Ted Finlayson-Schueler, Diane Watkins, Tim Osier, Serena Hunter, Joyce McMaster, Tim Durham and Peg Gilbert

Road-eo Committee: Roxanne Bocyck, Debbie Lilley, Dave Deuel, Rich Rogers, Scott Gablenz, Jason Cayea, Ronald Pitoviak, Deb Stevens, Richard Denison, Luther Everson and Patrick Henry.

There will also be a Safety Camp sign up sheet in the near future.

Safety Committee: No report at this time.

Poster Contest Committee:

They are still in the process of developing the brochure, calendars and note cards. At the moment they are looking for funding sources. The next meeting will be in Albany on Dec. 5th.

Rodeo:

A location still needs to be decided upon. Would we get better participation if it was at a more central location. Some people have quite a distance to drive to get to Oswego County Fairgrounds. Bob Peters was going to check out the NYS Fairgrounds – but he could not be here to report today. Deb Stevens will try to meet with the committee next week to discuss this further. She needs to know ASAP.

Operation Safe Stop: No report at this time.

Steering Committee: No report at this time - but a “near” future item to be added for us to provide at a future meeting is a presentation on the DMV Online System.

SBDI Committee: No Report At this time.

Safety Camp:

Even though the next camp is not until 2010 – plans are already in motion. The general consensus was to keep in at Hobart. The location and price are “right” – More programs will be added to draw in more people. More Information will follow soon.

Professional Development Committee: No report at this time.

Old Business

- Only 13 districts have paid their dues so far. Check to be sure that yours have gone through. Dues forms can be found on our local website <http://www.cnyapt.org/reminders.html>
Contact James Dark to see if you are one of the districts to still owe dues.

New Business

- Deb Stevens is holding a 30 Hour Basic at Central Square Transportation Department during January 10, 17 and 31 and February 7 (4 Saturdays) - the cost will be \$250.00 per driver. She is passing around registration forms if anyone needs them. Her phone # is (315) 783 – 7611. The class is limited to 30 participants – so register soon!
- Mike Janisch brought up the fact that with budget cuts – many things will be much different in our districts in the future. Conference costs will be “out the door” for most. This is a factor that needs consideration. Exactly what and how are each of our districts handling cuts? What about shared services. Some of us are doing it – but this topic warrants further discussion. Next year we will be facing much greater deficits. NYAPT has asked us for a survey. Questions like - What are we being asked to cut, how much of a percent 5%, 10%? What areas – etc. We will discuss this later. We do also want to point out that the state is making it extremely complicated for us to implement shared services with all the paper work they are now requiring. Possibly it would be helpful to have 3 or 4 people from our Chapter meet with Deb Ayers from BOCES and some of our local representatives to come up with an easier procedure. Joyce McMaster, Tim Durham, Diane Watkins, Mike Janisch and Laura D’Arcangelis have volunteered to participate.

- Mike Janisch introduced Donna Benjamin (Dispatcher), Ron Poplawski (Driver Trainer), Gerald Bush (Driver Trainer), and Terri Bush (Driver Trainer) all from North Syracuse. Gerald and Teri have started a newsletter @ North Syracuse. Welcome to our meeting – we hope you will all join us again!

<i>Round Table</i>

Deb Stevens	Glad to be here- Happy to see everyone!
Jason Cayea	He still has a ton to learn! Nice to see everybody!
Julie Bradish	She has a lot a resources with her today on pre-k and kindergarten bus safety for anyone who is interested!
Cindy Raulli	Things are great – but they do have a water main break this morning that is affecting the buses somewhat. Bob is at a meeting this morning so he could not be here.
Luther Everson	Things are going well.
Roxanne Bocyck	She is happy to see everybody. Happy Holidays!
Pat Bailey	Everything is really good.
Terri Kuss	She doesn't like dealing with 7" of snow!
Sharon Morsdorf	Things are fine in Weedsport.
Carol Hawk	Budget “woes” at Weedsport! They are exploring ways to cut costs.
Terri Smith	Things are busy – but going well!
Margaret Wise	There are big changes being made in Auburn. She's trying to keep up with all of them!
Ted Finlayson-Schueler	With all the changes and budget cuts – conference costs will have to be absorbed by the individuals.
Scott Gablenz	Things are going well in Cortland.
Rich Rogers	Things are good in Homer. Looking at where cuts can be made like everyone else!
Dave Deuel	Glad to be here- Judy says hello to everybody!
Diane Watkins	Things are good at ESM – Also looking at ways to cut costs.
Lisa Reiss	Glad to be here – Good at ESM
Gerald Bush	Happy to meet everyone!
Terri Bush	She's not related to Gerald! Happy to meet everyone!
Mike Janisch	It's great to see everybody! They have a declining student population at N. Syracuse – but the busing destinations have increased. Thanks to ESM for helping out with sharing IC.
Tim Osier	They will be having a 30 Hour Basic in the Spring. They usually hold them in the evenings for 2 or 3 hours. Let him know if you need anyone to attend.
Serena Hunter	She's happy to be here and to see everybody. Things are going well at Baldwinsville. They now have GPS Systems on 23 of their buses. To soon to tell yet – but she thinks they will be great.
Donna Benjamin	She drove for 21 years and now this is her 1 st year in the office as Dispatcher. So far things are going very well and she loves it!
Joyce McMaster	Things are great in Cazenovia!
Rich Denison	Things are going great- Glad to be here. He and his lovely wife, Cindy, look forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting at the Craftsman Inn!
Peg Gilbert	Things are going well at ESM – Happy Thanksgiving!

James Dark	They are busy at West Genesee – but it’s great!
Laura D’Arcangelis	All is well at J-D! She’s happy to be here!
Chuck Paquette	Glad to see everybody here! Happy Thanksgiving!

No 50-50 today.

Adjournment & next meeting information

Thanks again to Leonard Bus Sales for sponsoring our meeting today and for the wonderful luncheon.

Thanks to Ted Finlayson-Schueler for his wonderful presentation on Bus Stop Safety.

Ted had a survey for us to fill out – He is going to compile the information and post it on his website so be sure to check it out. There are also other links on his website for Bus Stop Safety.

<http://www.safetyrules.net/>

PTSI also has a book you can order on there website – Joyce McMaster says it is a “wealth of information!” <http://www.ptsi.org/>

A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Pat Bailey, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Motion carried.

Out next meeting is Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ The Craftsman Inn – An agenda will follow shortly.

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Gilbert

Happy Thanksgiving Everybody!