



2008-2009 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Matt Conti – President/Director

Chuck Paquette – Vice President/Alt Director

James Dark – Treasurer

Peg Gilbert – Secretary

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008

Today's meeting was held at the Craftsman Inn. Vice President Chuck Paquette called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 25 members present. Matt Conti could not be here today - his father is ill and he is out of town. He says Happy Holidays to all! A very special thank you is extended to Rich Denison (Bus Parts Warehouse) for sponsoring the meeting today.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Pat Bailey, to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's

A motion was made by Dave Deuel, seconded by Tim Durham, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$3038.99. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$210.20. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee:

The big concerns are obviously budget cuts – where state aid is going – what it will be – shared services will be discussed a lot more. Chuck will pass along any info he receives.

Safety Committee: No report at this time.

Poster Contest Committee:

Deb Stevens said the committee has requested approval for the new brochure. It can be viewed on the NYAPT website in PDF format.

Road-ee:

The State is thinking about having their Road-ee in June (The Friday of the June board meeting) instead of the July Conference – they are concerned about budget cuts for travel expenses – then the conference could be Sat, Sun, Mon and home Tuesday. One less night for Hotel Expense. It is all still up in the air – but it is a big concern as prices have gone up. Our local Rodeo should still be OK in May.

Operation Safe Stop: No report at this time.

Steering Committee: No report at this time.

SBDI + MI Committee:

Budget cuts are a concern but the \$400,000 is still there for training. RFP's are still in the "pipeline." There will be some changes in our PDS's this spring. Due to PJ's Law there will now be 3 refreshers instead of the usual 2. There will be the 2 topics of concern and then the 3rd will pertain to PJ's Law.

This year's topics will be - PJ's – General Sensitivity

- Positive Relations w/ Students (our behavior vs. student behavior)
- Distracted Driving (New NITSA Study)
- Extra Power Point (3 driver fatalities last year)
- Also power point presentations on anti-idling + SBSIOBSAAT








Safety Camp Committee:

2010 Safety Camp promises to be better than ever! Dates will be June 27-29, 2010 @ Hobart College. Program still to be determined.

Old Business

- No Old business today.

New Business

-  A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Pat Bailey, to pay our Webmaster Chad Waybright \$400.00 to continue his great job on our website for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried.
-  Chuck Paquette is starting a "WIKI" for our Chapter (What I Know Is) – similar to a Bulletin Board – for our Chapter. We will put a link on our website – Chuck assures us it will be very easy to use. More info to follow.
-  Ted wants to know if anyone is interested in taking NAPT Courses – He + Chuck will be sending out a survey.
-  Prices are up for conference costs. February Conference – from \$150/person to \$175/person for the 1st person – then 2nd person is \$135. July conference costs will now be \$300/person – no deal for additional people.
-  We need dates + locations for future Chapter Meetings.
-  Chuck Paquette did a great presentation on the NYS DMV Online System – They have had the pilot program in the Syracuse City District for a while now. All districts should be receiving information soon if you haven't already. You can e-mail DMV at <mailto:busdriverunit@dmv.state.ny.us> to ask to be part of the program and you will receive further info from them. I am also attaching a copy of Chuck's Presentation about the program along with the minutes. (I just received our packet today)
-  Diane Watkins and Dave Deuel attended an Onondaga County Emergency Management Drill together with the Town of Manlius Response Teams. It was held at Pine Grove Jr. High. It went very well.

We broke for lunch at this point of the meeting @ 11:30am

Meeting resumed @ 12:15pm

Round Table

Mike Janisch	Mike ended up In the West Group for a shared services meeting. The committee will be sending info into BOCES by the end of this school year. It was also agreed that district superintendents should talk to private schools so times can be coordinated better. Also – our public school districts can share services without all the red tape involved as long as we do not involve contract busing.
Teri Bush	Hi Everyone – Happy Holidays!
Debbie Lilley	Things are going well at N. Syracuse. Just an FYI - Mike Newberg from DOT will do a free pre-trip presentation for our refreshers if we need him.
Terri Kuss	Things are good. Happy Holidays!
Tammy Payne	Things are busy – they just had a really fun week though taking up a Santa Collection for needy families. Happy Holidays!
Diane Watkins	The 4:30 calls to Mike and Judy have started early this year! Hopefully January will not be as snowy!!
Kathy Westfall	She is ready for a break! Happy Holidays everybody!
Jeri Burke	Things are going well. Happy Holidays!
Robin Cashel	Things are going well at Sandy Creek!
Vicky Stoker	Things are good at Sandy Creek – Too much snow already though!
Dave Deuel	Judy, Ika + Linda say hello to everybody. Happy Holidays!
Tim Durham	Thank you to Rich Denison for today!! Happy Holidays!
Rich Denison	Happy Holidays everybody! See you all next year!
Ted Finlayson-Schueler	Thanks to Rich Denison for always being there and supporting our Industry! Happy Holidays! The 1 st draft of this years PDS is now ready for approval.
Rich Rogers	Thanks to Rich Denison! Happy Holidays!
Scott Gablenz	Happy Holidays Everybody!
Joyce McMaster	Thanks to Rich Denison! Happy Holidays!
Al Sgroi	Things are good in Chittenango – It's great that fuel costs are down! Happy Holidays!
Chuck Paquette	Happy Holidays Everybody!
Peg Gilbert	Thanks very much to Rich and Cindy Denison for all their continual support! Happy Holidays Everybody!

Some people had to leave before Round Table

No 50-50 today.

Adjournment & next meeting information

Again – A HUGH Thank you to Rich Denison from Bus Parts Warehouse for hosting today's meeting!!

A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Peg Gilbert to adjourn meeting at 12:45 pm. Motion carried.

Out next meeting is Wednesday January 14 at West Genesee High School in the Large Conference Room. **The meeting will be at 10:15** this time because the room will be in use until 10:00. Please park in the lot between the Transportation Department and the High School. We hope to see you all there!

Respectfully submitted:
Peg Gilbert