

**2007-2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS***Matt Conti – President/Director**Chuck Paquette – Vice President/Alt Director**James Dark – Treasurer**Peg Gilbert – Secretary***MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

Today's meeting was held at West Genesee High School. President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 24 members present. A special thank you is extended to West Genesee CSD for hosting the meeting and providing the morning refreshments. First Student provided the lunch. Thanks to Matt & the group!

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Dave Deuel, seconded by Luther Everson, to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Bob Peters, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$3188.99. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$211.20. Motion carried. *** Note: The winnings from the raffle were deposited into the general fund. No discussion took place to do otherwise as the October minutes reflected. We should revisit this at the next meeting***

Correspondence

Dave Deuel shared the sad news about Winnie Delmar's death. Ruth Koch sent Chuck an e-mail also. The obituary was read, and a moment of silence in her memory was observed.

LEARNING/SHARING TOPIC: "Reasonable Suspicion Training Overview" – presented by Sgt. Gary Bulinski, Syracuse PD, and President, Traffic Safety Research, Inc. Gary is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Cyr Foundation of Excellence in School Transportation. He is familiar with our work in the yellow bus world!

Gary's company offers many training programs including one for supervisors in transportation pertaining to reasonable suspicion of employees under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol in the workplace. Federal Motor Carrier regulation 382.306 requires a supervisor to be trained. His course far exceeds the minimum standard. With his many years of work in the field and the classroom experience his course provides a great amount of relevant information and prepares a supervisory employee to know what to look for and what to do when he/she suspects an employee might be under the influence in the workplace.

Gary distributed his business card. If interested, contact Gary at (315) 750-0035.

Committee Reports:**Poster Contest:**

Jason Cayea from First Student presented Deb Steven's report. The statewide committee has finalized the 2009 Poster Contest brochure. A color copy was distributed to everyone present. The committee under Deb's leadership has done a beautiful job to present a fresh approach to the contest. Kudos!

Road-eo:

We need to make a decision on the location of the road-eo. The Oswego County Fairgrounds was reserved last year. In October there was discussion about moving it "closer to home"; however, no alternate sites have been proposed. **The committee will accept suggestions of an alternate site with names of people who are willing to take responsibility for the event at the alternate site until February 1st. E-mails will be accepted to Matt – <mailto:matt.conti@firstgroup.com>, or to Chuck – <mailto:cpaquette@scsd.us>.** All correspondence will be shared with the committee chairperson.

Old Business

BOCES ad-hoc committee: Chuck will contact Mike Janisch to see what progress is being made from the BOCES group that has met to discuss shared services.

As a sidebar note, Carol Hawk and other supervisors from the western end of our chapter have been meeting with their BOCES folks. They have been successful in sharing their concerns and observations of ways to streamline and make things more cooperative among component districts.

New Business

We are very sad to hear that Winnie Delmar passed away. Winnie was a pioneer in our industry and worked in several area school district operations as well as with Laidlaw many years ago. She is credited with being a founder of the NYAPT Road-eo.

Chuck Paquette made a motion, seconded by Dave Deuel to make a donation (not to exceed \$300) in Winnie's memory to the charity of her choosing prior to her death. She didn't want flowers; she wanted to help kids attend summer camp. The camp is run by the Countryside United Methodist Church in Spring Lake (near Port Byron). By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

*(The check with a letter was mailed to the church on 1/23/09)

A special thank you goes to Carol hawk who relayed the contact information to the camp.

Round Table

Terri Smith	She's "lost" 4 drivers recently. Send help!
Sharon Morsdorf	Everything is great at WCS!
Carol Hawk	She's busy; lost of meetings discussing the near future of the district and plans to keep everything afloat. She recommends to us to meet with the BCOES folks and to be at the table to represent ourselves. It's been a very positive experience for her.
Margaret Wise	Things are fairly quiet in Auburn. She won 2 round-trip airline tickets thru the United Way!
Luther Everson	Is packing his clothes to join Margaret on her trip!
Ty Worrell	All is good at First Student "East"
Jason Cayea	He continues to learn a lot and enjoys working on Matt's team.
Terri Kuss	Everything is fine in Syracuse!
Pat Bailey	Channel 9 News is coming to watch us start the buses tomorrow morning. Must be there's nothing else to talk about in town? Everything is great.
Michele Cooper	Pleased to represent PTSI at the meeting. She offers help in dealing with Homeless Student transportation –e-mail mailto:michele@ptsi.org or call her at or 475-1386.
Kathy Westfall	Things are going smoothly at Westhill. Here comes the cold weather!
Linda Robinson	Things are good at F-M. Judy says "Hi" to all.
Joyce McMaster	Everything is "hunky dorie" at Cazenovia!
Al Sgroi	Things are running smoothly at Chittenango.
Rick Abend	Things are "normal" – whatever that means after 27 years!
Tim Osier	Announced his 30-hour course in Bville (spring) and the BOCES 30-hour in the summer that he is coordinating. Call him at 638-6100.
Chuck Paquette	News Flash: He applied for a new position this week. (He's not leaving SCSD) Things are great in his world!
Rich Dennison	Wishes all the best to the best in 2009
Matt Conti	Thanks to the hosts for today's meeting. He thanked Chuck for helping out when he was away with family illness issues; Thanks to all for coming today!

50/50 winner: Margaret Wise, Auburn City SD - \$25.00 (She'll need it for her trip!)

Adjournment & next meeting information

A motion was made by Chuck Paquette, seconded by James Dark, to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Out next meeting is Wednesday, February 11, 2009 – The place is TBD. A separate notice will be sent.

Thanks very much for covering the minutes Chuck!!

Respectfully submitted:

Chuck Paquette *for* P. Gilbert