



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, April 22, 2009

Today's meeting was held at Syracuse City Transportation Center. President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. after the morning press conference for Operation Safe Stop. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 27 members present. A special thank you is extended to Syracuse City for hosting the meeting and providing the morning refreshments. Bus Parts Warehouse provided our Lunch Today. Thanks so much Rich! Joining us today for Operation Safe Stop were Jennifer Power from Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board, Warren Darby from Onondaga County Sheriffs Department, Chief Joseph Snell from Cicero Police Department, Deputy Mike Walton from Onondaga County, Sgt. Jame4s Moynihan from NY State Police Department and Sgt. Robert Lurcock from Cicero Police Department. Thanks to all of them for coming today and for there support!

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Carol Hawk, seconded by Pat Bailey, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$3074.92. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$211.33. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Chuck Paquette shared NYAPT News and Notes (April Edition)

Chuck wanted to know what some of our districts do for Bus Driver Appreciation Week In May. Some of the things mentioned were letters of acknowledgment, die-cast buses, breakfast, luncheons, + Chicken BBQ.

Some people who normally attend the Annual Conference will not be able to attend this year because of budget cuts. We need to make sure all info gets back here to those who cannot attend.

Just like with everyone else - NYAPT too is feeling the "pinch" of the economic situation. They are tightening their belt – but measures are being taken to make sure student safety is and stays a priority.

The CYR Foundation is now officially a Not for Profit Organization – so they can now go for funding.

NYAPT is trying to get the ‘Prohibition’ of ‘Piggybacking’ lifted. Districts have their hands tied at this point. State Regulations say contractors can’t go to neighboring districts to share costs. BOCES can work as the ‘middleman’ - by taking bids – then hiring and dividing up the cost amongst districts – while making the fee they would get from the agreement.

Carol Hawk said in her district they invited the Business Administrators to a meeting at Cayuga BOCES regarding piggybacking and saving costs. It was very effective and they now realize that one person alone can’t do everything.

Rich Rogers spoke to his Superintendent regarding shared services- particularly Cortland BOCES – why not Cortland area goes to Cortland and Syracuse area go to Syracuse area programs instead of the way it is now.

In Cato they are moving the ‘teacher’ to the buildings instead of all the students to buildings – it is proving effective.

The Commissioner of SED Richard Mills is retiring. Carol Huxley is going to fill in.

<i>Committee Reports:</i>

Legislative Committee:

Board Weekend was April 12th.

SBDI/MI Committee:

Some Very ‘Lively’ discussions are going on with between SED + BOCES about Regionalization.

Safety Camp Committee:

2010 Safety Camp is on – Agenda will follow. The dates are June 27-29, 2010. The cost per person will probably go up to around \$145/person. More info will follow soon.

Poster Contest:

Posters will be judged at the May 13th meeting so please bring your 1st place posters for each division. Deb Stevens will bring the score sheets with her. Some discussion took place to possibly give cash instead of checks for prizewinners as some checks in past have not been cashed. We could possibly invite the winners to our June meeting to hand out the prizes in person. More discussion on this will follow.

Road-eo:

Dave Deuel has collected \$200.00 from vendors so far. He has not received any applicants yet though – so please get them in to him. Time is now running out! Also – there is no fee – that is for the state Road-eo should the contestants make it to that. We are still looking for judges. (All judges please bring a door prize as well as one door prize for each contestant) We are going to be using the ‘physical pre-trip’ as a bonus this year! We also need help setting up the day before the Road-eo. There is a lot to be done! There are not enough funds to have lunch catered this year. We will still be eating together all at 11:00 - and we will supply the food.

Shared Services: No report at this time.

Old Business

No Old business today.

New Business

As a Chapter - are we going to take a full page again for a “Booster Page” in the NYAPT Road-eo Flyer? The cost again is \$70. A motion was made by Pat Bailey to get the full page for the cost of \$70, it was seconded by Dave Deuel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck Paquette to nominate Terri Bush and Jerry Bush from North Syracuse (Both are driver trainers and 19-A Examiner.) for membership in our Chapter. Scott Gablenz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Welcome to you both! Just an FYI – Jerry writes a monthly newsletter for the drivers at North Syracuse – it always has the latest laws, rules and regulations and other interesting tidbits. It can be found on his website betweenruns@aol.com if anyone is interested.

The PDS are going well so far this year.

Al Sgroi had an idea to raise money for the chapter to “Beef up the Professional Development fund. How about a “Casino” Trip? Maybe to the Seneca. Tim Durham says he can donate a coach bus or two for us. (20 people per bus) More discussion to follow our next meeting. Al will head up the new “Travel Committee” – Deb Lilley will help him.

Jerry Bush suggested a fee for guessing how many helium balloons it would take to lift Chuck Paquette up in a lawn chair.

Judy Clarke suggested having a dog show. (Maybe what dog looks most like their owner)

Another suggestion was possibly having a golf tournament.

Ty suggested a card or board game tournament or maybe Bonko. He will head up the Committee for this end of it!

Any one out there with any other great ideas – please come to the next meeting and share them!! Or you can email them to me or Chuck. Now’s your chance to be creative!!

Round Table

Carol Hawk	Things are very busy at Weedsport!
Sharon Morsdorf	We have been very busy – the year is flying by!
Diane Watkins	“Smooth Sailing!”
Tammy Payne	North Syracuse has moved into their new Transportation Department. It is the old Burdick building and it is beautiful! Stop by she’ll give you a tour!!
Al Sgroi	Things are going smoothly in Chittenango. Ports are spiraling!
Deb Stevens	She just finished with a 30 Hour Basic – It went well!
Diana Miano	Things are good at Hannibal
Tyrone Worrell	They had some electrical issues last week – it made things quite exciting!

Rich Denison	Things are going well – It is great to see everybody today – Thanks for coming!
Ted Finlayson-Schueler	He has been <u>very</u> busy lately receiving all of our PDS pre-assignments + responding!
Tim Durham	He is looking for 10 summer drivers. 40 Hours per week. Mostly Field Trips + summer camp – Anyone interested call Jason at 454-8601
Dave Deuel	John, Ika, Judy and Linda all say Hi and are very busy!
Jerry Bush	Thanks for the nomination – He’s very happy to be here!
Terri Bush	Things are fine at North Syracuse. Thanks for the nomination!
Jason Cayea	He’s REALLLLy busy! Anyone who is board should come and visit him at First Student for a day!!
Laura D’Arcangelis	J-D has been pretty quiet. They just had their DMV Audit a couple of weeks ago – it went well!
Scott Gablenz	The jets are COMING TO TOWN! Cortland is excited and ready!
Rich Rogers	Things are good in Homer! They are not having a Road-oo this year. They will next year and then will alternate years from then on.
Luther Everson	As Ty mentioned – It was a rough week with the electrical issues.
Chuck Paquette	A reminder – It is a nomination year this year for officers. Also – don’t forget the Chapter awards – the award forms are posted on our website. It’s been very busy – but manageable.
Terri Kuss	It’s sport trip time and very busy!
Matt Conti	Things are going well at First student. Very busy!
Peg Gilbert	Things are good- It’s really starting to get busy now!
James Dark	They had a bad accident a couple of weeks ago. Things are getting busy now.

50-50 today was \$21.50 (each) – Won by Al Sgroi. He donated it back to the chapter. Congratulations and Thanks Al!

Thanks again to Bus Parts Warehouse for sponsoring today’s meeting and for the GREAT LUNCH!!

Adjournment & next meeting information

May 13, 2009 at Barbagallo’s Restaurant. Sponsored by Matthews Buses, Inc.

Remember to bring your posters for judging.

A motion was made by Tim Durham, seconded by Dave Deuel, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
P. Gilbert