

**2009-2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Chuck Paquette – President/Director
Tim Durham – Vice President/Alt Director
James Dark – Treasurer
Peg Gilbert – Secretary

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Today's meeting was held at Woodcrest Golf Course. President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 28 members present. A special thank you is extended to New York Bus Sales for sponsoring the meeting and providing the great morning refreshments and lunch.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Dave Deuel, seconded by Pat Bailey, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$3399.20. After upcoming expenses the balance as 6/30/09 will be \$2,575.20. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$211.33. Motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board of Directors will meet later this month – The Conference site location may be changing for 2010, 2011 and 2012. They will be voting on the new location at their next meeting. DMV voted for either Saratoga or Rochester location. They are still waiting to hear from DOT and DMV. Our Chapter voted for the Rochester location for July Conference and maybe other site for the other workshops. As much as we all love the Turf – we have outgrown them.

There has been much discussion between SED and DMV regarding the 55 mph speed limit for school buses carrying students. Some feel they should be able to go the posted speed limit. Most people on the road are not aware that our buses are not allowed to go over 55 mph – some feel this could be a danger. Others feel that allowing 10 more mph is a huge danger in terms of "impact"

Committee Reports:**Poster Contest:**

Deb Stevens is in Sweden right now so there is no report today – Chuck handed out the award envelopes.

Road-eo:

There were 44 contestants – we look forward to even more next year – especially more in the special needs and transit categories. A new manual will be reissued next year – it will clarify some of the language. There may be a charge per person next year as well to help defray some of the costs of putting on the road-eo, have a supplied lunch and possibly to help pay the winner's expenses to the state road-eo. In the case of some districts being very strapped for money we could have a "war chest" to help out. A motion was made by Pat Bailey, seconded by Bob Peters, to charge \$10 per contestant. Motion Carried.

Also – A big thank you to all the districts that sent buses! Next year's date will be May 15, 2010.

Special Needs:

The workshop is October 3rd at TST BOCES. A full day of fun filled events is planned.

The committee will meet again in July – things are moving forward –full steam ahead! Jim Ellis and Judy Clarke will be visiting each district in early fall to give a little presentation on the days events!

Non – Public Bell Times:

The committee will meet again July 22nd at North Syracuse Transportation Department.

Long Range Planning and Professional Development:

They are working towards having regional courses workshops.

Safety Camp:

Things are a go for June 25th – 27th, 2010 at Hobart College. In October information will be sent out.

SBDI/MI Advisory:

After June 30, 2009, please send all NPO & NPC course forms and Accident forms to PTSI. Ted will no longer be doing them. He will be working on all new courses for Pre-Sessions, Basic, Advanced and PDS. If anything changes and PTSI is not ready for this until a later date – we will be notified.

Operation Safe Stop:

It will be on April 15, 2010 this coming school year.

Old Business

A motion was made by Deb Lilley, seconded by Tim Durham, to accept the new by-laws. Motion carried. Thanks to Chuck Paquette, Pat Bailey, Dave Deuel and Carol Hawk for all their hard work! A discussion followed that it should be updated with future amendments as things come up.

The deadline to sign up for the Casino trip will be June 25th. There are 26 people signed up so far – they need 52 or more to get the incentive.

New Business

We are looking for any topics of interest anyone may have for this coming school year. Please let Chuck know!

A motion was made by Pat Bailey, seconded by Dave Deuel, to purchase all of the raffle tickets again this year. Our Chapter has been very lucky the past couple of years doing it this way. Motion Carried.

Tim Durham made a motion, seconded by Chuck Paquette to nominate Jason Laroche for membership in our chapter. Motion carried. Welcome Jason.

Terri Kuss made a motion, seconded by Ted Finlayson – Schueler, to nominate Jim Cannon for membership in our chapter. Motion Carried. Welcome back Jim!!

Chapter Awards:**Supervisors Award – Joyce McMaster (One of the quiet people – always there!!)****Vendor Award – Bus Parts Warehouse (Thanks Rich and Cindy for all of your support!)****Presidents Award: - John Halstead (The Early Dispatcher at Baldwinsville who always starts everyone's day off with a smile)****Congratulations to all of our winners this year!!****Election of Officers:****In the absence of Barb Dewey – Peg Gilbert will act as Nominations Officer.****Chuck nominated Peg Gilbert for the office of Secretary, seconded by Dave Deuel.****There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.****Dave Deuel nominated James Dark for the office of Treasurer, seconded by Pat Bailey.****There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.****Chuck Paquette nominated Tim Durham for the office of Vice President, seconded by Pat Bailey.****There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.****Chuck Paquette made a motion to close the polls, seconded by Carol Hawk. Motion carried.*****Round Table***

Ted Finlayson-Schueler	He will be sending out flyers for SBDI courses and refreshers.
Judy Clarke	Everything is just Dandy!
Scott Gablonz	Have a great summer everyone!
Rich Rogers	Things are good in Homer – Have a nice summer!
Jason Cayea	Things are going great at First Student West!
Ron Pitoniak	He's been very busy – have a good summer!
John Halstead	Things are good in B'Ville. They have been very busy.
Jason Laroche	Things are good at ESM and A & E Transport. He is looking forward to the conference this year. His first!
Tim Durham	Congratulations to all of our award winners! Also thanks to all the districts who sent drivers and monitors his way for summer work!
Diane Miano	Things are good in Hannibal.
Jim Cannon	Even though he is retired – he is still involved with issues at Syracuse City.
Jerry Bush	Have a good summer everyone.
Deb Lilley	Things are busy at Syracuse City – have a nice summer!
Pat Bailey	It was a really good school year- they have an exceptional staff! Have a nice summer!
Julie Bradish	Things are winding down now in Mexico. Have a nice summer!
Melissa Goodsell	Have a nice summer!
Robin Cashel	She is glad things are starting to wind down – have a nice summer!
Dave Deuel	He is on vacation this week and enjoying it. Central Square is holding a golf for supervisors tournament on Monday, June 29 at Greenview – Cost \$124 per foursome.
Rich Denison	Thanks to all for the award
Joyce McMaster	Thanks to all of you – it has been wonderful being a part of this group! She

	will miss everybody! Karen will do a great job! Stay in touch everybody! She will stay on for a short while as a substitute!
Al Sgroi	Congratulations to all of our award winners! Have a nice summer everybody!
Karen Coward	She is looking forward to working with everyone.
James Dark	He's been very busy at West Genesee – He is looking forward to summer!
Chuck Paquette	He hopes to continue to do many good things. Have a great summer!
Matt Conti	Thanks to everyone – it has been a great learning experience! Have a great summer!
Peg Gilbert	A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for the love, support and encouragement you gave to my family and me when our daughter passed. The flowers were beautiful also. It helps us tremendously to know that so many people care. Please continue to pray for us. I think we will need them for a long time yet!

Thank you very much Marlene for sponsoring us today!!

Congratulations again to Joyce McMaster on her retirement – you will be missed a lot Joyce! Enjoy!!

Adjournment & next meeting information

A motion was made by Chuck Paquette, seconded by James Dark, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Out next meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – The place is TBD. A separate notice will be sent.

Respectfully submitted:
Peg Gilbert