



2009-2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chuck Paquette – President/Director

Julie Bradish – Vice President/Alt Director

James Dark – Treasurer

Peg Gilbert – Secretary

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Today's meeting was held at Barbagallo's. President Chuck Paquette called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 members present. Thank you very much to Leonard Bus Sales for sponsoring today's meeting and for a wonderful lunch!

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Pat Bailey, seconded by Jason Laroche, to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Carol Hawk, seconded by Terri Kuss, to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$2835.48. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$1123.93. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Peg read a letter from Peter Mannella. Due to state + local budget cuts it was necessary to terminate Aimee Tweedie. This was only one of the cost-saving steps they will be undertaking.

Robin Parks sent a note thanking all of the CNYAPT members who volunteered and represented our chapter and for our financial donation to help offset the cost of the chicken BBQ. The day was a huge success.

Chuck now has an "official list" of Retirees from Ruth Koch. Correspondence should be easier now! Thanks Ruth!

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee:

At the BOD meeting in September they came out with a flyer for School Bus Safety Camp with a preliminary schedule of events. Safety Camp will be June 25th – 27th 2010. They are not going to raise the price - \$125 for 1st person and then \$85 for the 2nd person. Registration forms will be coming out soon. Check the NYAPT website for updates!

Poster Contest Committee: No Report at this time.

Road-eo: No Report at this time.

Special Needs: No Report at this time.

Non – Public Bell Times: No report at this time.

Long Range Planning + Professional Development: No report at this time.

Pupil Safety Committee: No report at this time.

Safety Camp: See Above.

Membership Committee: No report at this time.

SBDI/MI Advisory: No report at this time.

Operation Safe Stop: No report at this time.

Old Business

Please remember that dues are past due at this point. James Dark has a list of all districts that are paid to date. There are still many districts not paid. Please check with your district for any outstanding P.O.'s.

Pat Bailey has a dues list for the past 3 years and will make contact calls and do crosschecks.

NAPT is offering courses here – Ted sent and E-Mail with a survey link – only 3 people responded – How many have an interest? Maybe Ted could resend the survey with more info. Thanks Ted!

Jerry Bush from North Syracuse was this year's recipient of the SBDI scholarship. He completed the course in July. He would like to express his gratitude to PTSI + NYAPT for the opportunity and for reaching out to help those who wish to "Get Ahead."

Bob Peters had to cut \$100,000 his budget this year so there had to be quite a few changes made. They are also asking for additional cuts over the next 2 years.

New Business

Bob Peters would like to run for Vice President of NYAPT and would like our support. (not financial) – Bob has been a member of NYAPT for 25 years and was on the Board of Directors from 1995-1998. He has also been on the Long Range Planning Committee and many other committees as well over the years. We would be happy to lend our support to you Bob! It would be nice to have a CNYAPT member be an officer of NYAPT again! Good Luck!

DMV passed a new Child Restraint Law – effective November 24, 2009. It pertains to suburban, vans and all non-conforming school buses. All children must be in an appropriate child restraint system while riding in a motor vehicle – Until they reach their 8th birthday. This does not affect regular school bus transportation. We will pass along any more info that we get to you.

Due to unfortunate circumstances we will have to replace the Vice President for our Chapter. Tim Durham is no longer employed by Durham services. He is currently looking for work – but is not employed at this time. Our by-laws state that our officers need to be employed to be in office. They also state that the president can appoint someone to fill the position for the remainder of the term. (June 2011) Chuck Paquette has appointed Julie Bradish from Mexico to fill the position. Julie agreed to take the position after much thought and soul searching. Julie has been in transportation for over 25 years and is a graduate of the MVCC Certification Program. We are all sure she will do a great job! Thanks Julie and "Welcome Aboard!"

Rich Rogers introduced us all to his replacement at Homer. Ray Dunham is the new Transportation Supervisor there. Ray was the head mechanic in Homer and has been in transportation since 1990.

A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Pat Bailey, to nominate Ray for membership in our chapter. Motion carried. Congratulations on your new position Ray and welcome to our chapter!

Laura D’Arcangelis had a question for everyone regarding letters many of received from DOT. Any Crosswalk that is on an Onondaga County Highway has to meet sight and signage requirements. We will have to get a permit for them and insure them. More info to follow if we hear anymore.

Our guest speaker today is Trish Jubinville, the Traffic Safety Coordinator for the National Safety Council of Central and Western NY. She spoke about the products and educational products they have to offer. Her particular position is grant funded through Onondaga County. They offer Insurance and Point reduction courses, courses to help teach children all aspects of safety, Defensive Driving Courses, First Aid and CPR ...and many more. They are also going to be helping Operation Safe Stop this year. They also have a School Bus Operator Course and an Instructor Development Course that we could possibly benefit from – There is also a 3-day Train the Trainer Course. Since it is a grant program it could possibly be at a reduced cost. The train the trainer course for a lot of us could possibly be shortened to 2 days instead of 3 as a “condensed course”. There is a website to check out called “Coaching the School Bus Driver” which is on the nsc.org website. Scroll down for the link. Also, Google “coaching the school bus driver” for more information.

Round Table	
Jason Laroche	He is working 2 jobs - they are without a General Manager and A&E so he has been very busy there and he also works at ESM.
Trish Jubinville	Thanks for inviting her to today’s meeting!
Laura D’Arcangelis	They are getting new phone systems at J-D so it has been interesting!
Lisa Reiss	Hi – it’s nice to see everybody!
Mike Janisch	He’s sorry to be late – he had a Labor Management meeting until 12:00. He is thankful for our organization – he has been a member for 29 years.
Karen Coward	She is relatively new to our organization and welcomes Ray as a “new” member as well! She’s very happy to be part of it! The School year at Cazenovia has been very smooth so far!!
Jerry Bush	He loved the Special Needs Transportation Learning Day! North Syracuse had 18 Drivers and Attendants participate – they all got a wealth of information!
Terri Bush	Hi – she is happy to see everyone!
Terri Kuss	They have been very busy with the H1N1 clinic.
Ray Durham	2 ½ weeks in the “Hot Seat” – he’s had lots of help from Rich and others. It’s a learning process!
Rich Rogers	He wonders where we would be without NYAPT and CNYAPT. Where would we go to meet, learn, and have fun and keep on top of things!? Ray will have a challenge in front of him. Their drivers are trying to settle a contract and it has not been an easy process!
Al Sgroi	Hi Everyone – he wishes Ray the best – it is a learning process and things will come around again!
Sharon Morsdorf	She just got over H1N1 – She was out of work 7 days. She is feeling much better now.
Carol Hawk	Cayuga – Onondaga BOCES got a Grant to do a Study On Consolidation for Transportation – There is a 25-page report that they need to read and make an official report– so this should all prove to be interesting!
Margaret Wise	She was away when her district did a survey – but they are looking at a few different options – their district’s current contract is up on June 30th, 2010 – so things could prove to be interesting for them as well!

Nancy Wescott	Things are changing at Baldwinsville – they have had to make some cuts due to loosing some tax payer revenue – they cut 6 driver positions – there are many more corner stops now – next year they will be increasing walking distances – so people are not very happy – but the Board is supporting them.
Pat Bailey	Things in the City are going well so far– no big budget cuts yet – Doesn't know what the future holds for them at this point.
James Dark	Things are good at West Genesee – they have hired 4 drivers and added 4 runs – they also have a part time safety person now.
Julie Bradish	Thank you to everyone for our confidence in her! She's looking forward to the challenge!
Peg Gilbert	Our H1N1 clinic will be December 1st - there has been talk of busing needs for that – but we are not sure yet. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!
Chuck Paquette	Thanks for all of our thoughts about NYAPT – We need to support the organization. Happy Holidays!

50 –50 today was won by Carol Hawk – Amount was \$35. Congratulations Carol!!

Thank you again to Leonard Bus Sales for sponsoring today's meeting and for the morning refreshments and great lunch.

Adjournment & next meeting information

A motion was made by Chuck Paquette, seconded by Diane Watkins to adjourn today's meeting At 12:50 PM. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2009 @ Barbagallo's. Sponsored by Bus Parts Warehouse.

**Respectfully submitted:
Peg Gilbert**