



### 2010-2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS

*Chuck Paquette – President/Director*  
*Julie Bradish – Vice President/Alt Director*  
*James Dark – Treasurer*  
*Peg Gilbert – Secretary*

## MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Today's meeting was held at Barbagallos. President Chuck Paquette called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. There were 50 members, retirees and invited guests present. Thank you very much to Matthews Bus Inc. for sponsoring our meeting today.

### *Secretary's Report*

A motion was made by Deb Stevens, seconded by Dave Deuel, to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Motion carried.

### *Treasurer's Report*

A motion was made by Terri Kuss, seconded by Carol Hawk to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of \$2,533.66. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is \$1,125.05. Motion carried.

At this point we enjoyed a vendor presentation on Mobile Video Surveillance Solutions presented by Dean August.

### *Correspondence*

Chuck read a letter that NYAPT sent to SED Commissioner Steiner regarding mandate relief and cost saving strategies in school transportation. They wanted to send them some ideas and comments to identify ways to accomplish cost savings without having an adverse impact on student safety.

Chuck also had Lobby Day responses from Assemblymen – Bill Magnarelli and Al Stirpe. They both support our transportation issues and concerns regarding the illegal passing of a school bus while loading or unloading. They would support the law that would allow judges to increase fines, revoke the license of second time offenders and also specify that anyone convicted of passing a school bus and hitting a child would be convicted of vehicular manslaughter.

Chuck received a contract form Quality Coach Lines for the Casino trip that is planned. The will tally up the numbers and send in a deposit to the bus line.

Becky Finnerty from Fayetteville Manlius is doing the embroidering on our shirts. She designed the logo and got in touch with Chuck. The shirts are in the making as we speak. They are beautiful!

***Committee Reports:*****Road-eo:**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be here before we know it! Dave Deuel and Deb Stevens are working very hard on all the finishing touches. A reminder to everybody – judges are needed – please sign up! They have 24 contestants signed up so far - 15 Conventional, 7 Transit, and 2 Special Needs. They have ordered 30 dinners. Some people will be “brown bagging it.” So far the demos that will be set up are Emergency Evacuation, Danger Zones, Smoke machine buses. They are also having a scavenger hunt sponsored by the Oswego County Safety Team. Leonard Bus Sales will be setting up safety equipment from the past, present and future. Operation Life Saver will be there with a RR Crossing Demo. Thanks very much to Dave and Deb for ALL of their hard work!!

**Poster Contest Committee**

Chuck will assign judges later. Many different districts have posters here today to be judged! They are the 1<sup>st</sup> place posters in their own district judging contest in each category. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners here will win \$50 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$20. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners here in each category will go on to Albany to the state level for judging in July. Good luck to all of you!!

**Awards Committee:**

So far Dave Deuel only has received 1 nomination. The forms for our local awards – Presidents, Superintendent, Vendor and Heroism are on our local website. Please get your nominations in!!!

**Scholarship Committee:**

The Application deadline was May 1<sup>st</sup> - the committee will kick in now at the State level. The scholarship will be presented at the banquet in July.

***Old Business***

Thanks to Ruth Koch and all the others who helped with gathering information about Winnie Delmar so we could send it to Peter Mannella for consideration in her nomination for the Hall of Fame.

The Casino trip is fast approaching – the count as of today is almost enough for a full bus!! All will receive \$15 back in coins and a \$5 food voucher.

We are still discussing what we want to do as far as our last meeting this year in June. When would be best and what time of day. More information will follow.

***New Business***

We need to collect the raffle ticket money and collect the shirt money today.

With expenses the way they are these days - Chuck Paquette requested that the chapter pay for a one night stay (room expense) in Albany for the Board of Directors weekend for the director and alternate director. Some discussion followed. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Scott Gablenz for the chapter to pick up the cost for one nights' hotel expense for the director and alternate director for Board of Directors weekend. Motion carried.

Chuck handed out the flyer for the CNYAPT Trainers Group. The meeting will be at the Syracuse CSD Transportation Center at 5:30 P.M. Pizza and Soda will be provided. For more info you can call Chuck Paquette at 440-8610 or E-mail him at [busbosschuck@aol.com](mailto:busbosschuck@aol.com)

**Honorary Member Presentations were made at this time: Because of the many contributions each has made to CNYAPT over the years - Walt Butler (ESM), Don Harwood (Central Sq.) and Ruth Koch (Liverpool) join Rich Rogers as honorary members of CNYAPT. Thanks to all of you for all you have done and CONGRATULATIONS! We hope to continue on with what each of you started! Each year we plan to nominate and add more people like you to the list!!**

**We would also like to welcome all of the retirees who were able to make our meeting today. Ray Free (ESM), Bud Buiea (Moravia), Leon Tily (J-D), Rita Bush (Lafayette), Karen Doucette (J-D), Rich Rogers (Homer), Walt Butler (ESM), Don Harwood (Central Square), great to see all of you!  
Thanks for coming!**

**Deb Stevens handed out the poster contest judges' sheets. Three of our retirees will do the Honors and Trish Jubinville and Michele Cooper.**

**We have to decide how we want to split up the money from the 50-50 Raffle tickets at the Road-eo. Do we want one prize or two? The vote was to have two (2) 25% and 50% to CNYAPT.**

**Ty Worrell nominated Nicole Dolce, seconded by Dave Deuel, for membership in our Chapter. Motion carried. Welcome Nicole!**

**Judy Clarke reported that on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> they will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Learning Day at TSA BOCES. This year it will not focus on Special Needs – They are planning workshops on Mirror adjustment, pre-trip, Loading & Unloading and a DOT representative will be there. The cost will be \$25 per person and will include breakfast, a Chicken BBQ for Lunch and snacks. A Flyer will be forwarded on soon!**

***Round Table***

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| <b>Carol Hawk</b>              | <b>Things are good in Weedsport. There is a real budget crunch going on – no conferences, now dues, etc. – across the board!</b>                                                                 |
| <b>Judy Clarke</b>             | <b>Things are good at F-M – she is glad to be back after recovering from her surgery! She is excited about Learning Day! Dave gave her a bad cold and she is NOT retiring!</b>                   |
| <b>Ty Worrell</b>              | <b>Things are going well @ First Student.</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Nicole Dolce</b>            | <b>Glad to be here everybody! Thanks!</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Shelley O'Brien</b>         | <b>They are transporting 3,000 students to Alliance Stadium Tomorrow – so that should be interesting!!</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>Ted Finlayson - Schuler</b> | <b>He's heading to the National Conference in Warrensburg. He is the Alternate NYS Delegate.</b>                                                                                                 |
| <b>Deb Lilley</b>              | <b>They are still looking for judges for the Special Needs Rodeo.</b>                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Terri Kuss</b>              | <b>Things are fine in Syracuse – Pat is off this week.</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Barb Biddlecome</b>         | <b>Things are good in North Syracuse.</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Bud Buiea</b>               | <b>He is very glad to see that CNYAPT is continuing the work that they started!!</b>                                                                                                             |
| <b>Al Sgroi</b>                | <b>Chittenango is going to all day kindergarten next year and this summer they will only be busing special needs students for summer school.</b>                                                 |
| <b>Deb Stevens</b>             | <b>She is still coordinating the special needs portion of the rodeo.</b>                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Cheryl Coon</b>             | <b>Things are good in Chittenango!</b>                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Diane Watkins</b>           | <b>We will most likely need to do some hiring and training this summer at ESM.</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>Lisa Reiss</b>              | <b>She is very happy to see Rita again!</b>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Jason Laroche</b>           | <b>He just finished his SBDI class and is very much looking forward to teaching!</b>                                                                                                             |
| <b>Chad Waybright</b>          | <b>Thanks for inviting him today. He has enjoyed seeing everyone!</b>                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Michele Cooper</b>          | <b>She has been very busy with her many jobs at PTSI! As the editor of the SBDI Exchange – she is always looking for articles and SBDIs to be featured. She can be reached at PTSI. 475-1386</b> |

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| <b>Ray Dunham</b>     | <b>Their local Road-ee had 12 had 12 contestants. It's good to see Ruth!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Rich Rogers</b>    | <b>Ray is doing a great job!! It's great to see Ray, Bud and Walt again!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Scott Gablenz</b>  | <b>It's great to see everyone!!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Dave Deuel</b>     | <b>Dave says he's retiring in August! The 31<sup>st</sup> is his last day!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Mark Harahan</b>   | <b>Hi Everyone – it's great to see all of you!!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Guy Matthews</b>   | <b>Thanks for coming everyone – It's great to see you all here! He wishes everyone good luck on their budget votes!!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Tony Morgese</b>   | <b>Thanks everybody!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Karen Doucette</b> | <b>Thanks for inviting her. It is really great to see everybody. She is enjoying retirement!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Peg Gilbert</b>    | <b>It's really nice to see all the retirees here today! Things are good at ESM.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Julie Bradish</b>  | <b>Things are good in Mexico!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>James Dark</b>     | <b>Things are good at West Genesee – Jerry has been out checking drivers!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Karen Free</b>     | <b>Life is GREAT after transportation!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Ray Free</b>       | <b>He sees many SBDIs that he trained in the room today! He can't believe he has been retired for 12 years! He is proud to hear that we are keeping the Chapter going and that all the issues of concern are still being addressed. Thanks!</b>                                                                                    |
| <b>Walt Butler</b>    | <b>He retired from ESM in 1985 then Ray took over. He very much enjoyed his job and he is also very much enjoying his retirement! This Sunday he leaves on an 8,000-mile trip in his RV!</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Mary Butler</b>    | <b>It's lovely to be here! Thanks for inviting us! She is looking forward to their trip!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Ruth Koch</b>      | <b>Thanks for inviting her and making her an honorary member! She has been retired now for 12 years! It's quite fitting that Matthews Bus is sponsoring today's meeting! Any new retirees – please let her know! The annual retiree's picnic is always the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August. Keep in touch to get on the list!</b> |
| <b>Rita Bush</b>      | <b>It's great to know that such great people are “carrying on” what they started! Great to see everyone!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Leon Tily</b>      | <b>He's loving retirement! He spends 6 months in Florida and 6 months here. What a life!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Don Harwood</b>    | <b>He retired in 1994! Time has gone quickly! It's nice to see everyone – thanks for inviting him!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Chuck Paquette</b> | <b>It fills him with pride to have all of the people here today who “paved the way” for us! We will continue to carry the torch and pass it on when the time comes! Thank everybody for coming!</b>                                                                                                                                |

***Adjournment & next meeting information***

**A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Dave Deuel to adjourn today's meeting at 1:00. Motion carried.**

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at Woodcrest Golf Course in Chittenango.**

**Respectfully submitted:  
Peg Gilbert**