



**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, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

***Secretary's Report***

Today's meeting was held at the Liverpool Transportation Dept. President Chuck Paquette called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. There were 17 members present. Thank you to Bob Peters for hosting our meeting and for providing us with coffee.

A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Terri Kuss, to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Motion carried.

***Treasurer's Report***

A motion was made by Scott Gablenz, seconded by Deb Lilly to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting with a balance carried forward of **\$1653.42** The balance carried forward in our Professional Development fund is **\$1125.90**. Motion carried.

***Correspondence***

Peter Mannella has posted that the Governor has released his State of the State speech on the NYAPT website. We are in some rough years ahead as there will be no foreseeable increase in state aid.

***Committee Reports:***

Dave Duel is still the committee chair for our awards. We are going to try and award the Driver, Attendant, and Mechanic of the year at our last meeting so that they can be there to attend. It's tough to get them all there while school is still in session. The nominations for these awards are due in by the end of May.

**Legislative Committee:**

**Poster Contest Committee**

**Road-go:** The rodeo this year will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Oswego county fairgrounds in Sandy Creek. Next year (2012), the rodeo will be held in Cortland. Use your enthusiasm and charm to drum up support in your operation so that everyone experiences the fun and information had by all at the rodeo. The poster contest judging will happen at the May meeting.

**Special Needs:** No Report

**Non – Public Bell Times:** No Report

**Long Range Planning & Professional Development:** Anyone interested in gaining their Professional Certification should let Chuck know by February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to put a feather in your cap and further your professional development. We are looking into studying in a group format and then taking the exam in a group as well.

**Pupil Safety Committee:** No Report

**Safety Camp: No Report****Membership Committee:** We have \$125.00 in dues collected thus far. LET'S GET EM' PAYED!**SBDI/MI Advisory:** Chuck has planted the seed for this advisory committee and now it just needs to blossom and take off on its own. We will email you on the time and place of the next meeting. If you need to take a 19-A refresher course, please check the PTSI website for dates, times, and locations.**Operation Safe Stop:** No Report***Old Business***

Lisa McConnell is the new representative for the National Safety Council. We are still looking at 3 dates for the 12 people to take the Defensive Driving Instructors course. The \$300.00 fee will include 4 sets of manuals that are used in teaching the course. A flyer to promote this course may be helpful to post in Districts so that support is stirred up in the hopes that the fee may be covered by your office. The Transportation Law Course will again be offered this year at West Genesee High School. Talk of a Special needs law course and a budget prep course is also in the works, which would be very informative.

***New Business***

Karen Cowherd from Cazenovia mentioned that the State refresher has made her and her people think about bus idling and what options our drivers have when faced with lengthy trips where we need to park the bus and find a spot to pass the time. A lot of schools/buildings are either locked or unavailable which forces us to either drive away from the venue to somewhere available, which adds mileage and fuel costs, or sit in a COLD bus and idle to keep warm. We would like to maybe see a collaborative effort on the part of the Sports office to call ahead and make sure that the building will be open and there will be a place for the driver to lay over while they are there.

Any ideas on a social event outside the scheduled last meeting of the year should be brought to Chuck for discussion. It would be a great way to catch up with our colleagues and enjoy their company.

Anyone interested in becoming an officer for our chapter, please think about running and what you can do to enrich our great chapter!

We welcome Laura Dowling into CNYAPT! Congratulations and welcome!

On a side note: The Syracuse City School Districts contractor, First Student, had a serious accident this past week. Terri Kuss and Ty Worrell explained the events as such: A wheel chair bus was loading a student at a corner stop. The driver got back in her seat, did all her checks (except for viewing the cross over mirror) and pulled away from the curb. She noticed that the bus did not respond normally and stopped to check the parking brake. After continuing, she still noticed an issue and pulled over to get out and look. When she did, she discovered that there was a 14-year-old student wedged beneath the front passenger tire of the bus.

Miraculously, the girl (who was not a student on the bus) was not seriously injured and only suffered bumps and bruises. They are unclear about how the girl ended up beneath the bus. This incident sparked a question about safety and checking the vehicle after you have been out of the drivers' seat. Should a driver get off the bus and do a 4 point walk around (or 3 point - avoiding the road side of the bus for safety) after being out of the drivers seat while on a run? Further discussion can take place at the next meeting.

**Round Table**

<b>Jodi Regis</b>	<b>Nothing new except for accident</b>
<b>Lynea Lemke</b>	<b>New position at First Student</b>
<b>Karen Cowherd</b>	<b>Pretty Quiet</b>
<b>Ty Worrell</b>	<b>Running 2 terminals. Shelley moving to the District. Laura taking Shelley’s spot. Don Peron in the hospital. Made 10 min video on driver inattentiveness. Wanted more pics of him on the cover!</b>
<b>Laura Dowling</b>	<b>6 years at first student. Looking forward to new position. Thank you for allowing me to be here today!</b>
<b>Deb Lilly</b>	<b>Looking forward to Shelley. Thankful that the accident has a good outcome.</b>
<b>Terri Kuss</b>	<b>Pat’s in Vegas. Busy busy!!</b>
<b>Cindy Dennison</b>	<b>It’s snowing!! :0(</b>
<b>Shelley O’Riley</b>	<b>Monday will be my first day at District.</b>
<b>Lisa Reiss</b>	<b>Sick of the weather. Plugging along</b>
<b>Jason Laroche</b>	<b>Thankful that the accident had a good outcome</b>
<b>Barb Dewey</b>	<b>Anne and Bob are protecting her from the everyday stress!</b>
<b>Anne Hamlin</b>	<b>She’s not protecting Barb! Busy! Gas leak made for a hectic morning</b>
<b>Rich Dennison</b>	<b>Bought bus parts Warehouse 11 years ago. Thankful for all the info he has gotten from our chapter and he’s here to stay!</b>
<b>Rich Rogers</b>	<b>37 ½ years at Homer. Now in Tully. Uphill battle to change some operational things there.</b>
<b>Scott Gablenz</b>	<b>No delays or closings this school year. Works closely with Chuck. Glad to be here.</b>
<b>James Dark</b>	<b>Working a lot! Many drivers/attendants out of work</b>
<b>Chuck Paquette</b>	<b>Neighbors on both sides here at meeting. Refresher on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> after district wide meeting. A lot of long term sickness in Homer. Looking forward to winding down Presidency. Found new home on same lake!</b>

**50 –50 today was won by Scott Gablenz, and he graciously donated the money back to the chapter. –Thank You Scott for your generosity!!!**

**Thank you again to Bob Peters for hosting our meeting!!**

**A very special Thank you to Jason Laroche for taking minutes for me at today’s meeting.**

**Adjournment & next meeting information**

**A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Lisa Reiss to adjourn today’s meeting at 11:45. Motion carried.**

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9th at North Syracuse CSD transportation.**

**Respectfully submitted:  
Peg Gilbert**