



December Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Meeting Date: December 7 2017

Host District: Kaufman I.S.D.

Location: Kaufman HS

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am. NTAPT president Beverly Shannon thanked Patrick Cardoza and Kaufman ISD for hosting the meeting. Patrick welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He mentioned all the construction going on in Kaufman ISD, and was glad everyone was able to make it. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Beverly announced the vendor sponsors and thanked them for sponsoring the meeting. Beverly had all first time attendees stand and had them introduce themselves. Some of the first time attendees were Cathy Penn, Rick Brownlow, and some representatives from Kemp ISD.

George Eldridge gave the treasurer's report. The balance is above the required amount, so there was no service charge this past month. The report was accepted as given.

The committee chairpersons provided updates on the Bus Safety Poster contest and the Bus Road-EO contest. The Road-EO fees have increased to \$50.00 on the regular road-EO and \$100.00 on the Special Needs road-EO. The regional Road-EO is Saturday, April 7, 2018, and the committee is looking for judges. Pat Garcia provided an update for the Speech Contest and said that letters had been sent to districts with the registration deadline posted.

Rick Brownlow of Longhorn Bus Sales mentioned that TAPT is implementing a vendor member position on the executive committee, and asked for our votes.

Beverly asked if all vendors could please provide us with a couple of business cards so that we can update the NTAPT files.

Special Speaker, Judge Cathy Penn of Rockwall, gave a very informative presentation on seatbelt laws, and legal terms and definitions. She spoke about some of the cases she has knowledge of and gave the audience an opportunity to discuss them and ask questions. She was very interesting and gave us a lot of good information.

Don Ledbetter of Thomas Bus showed a funny video about bus safety.

Brian Sellers of Samsara gave a presentation of their company's product. They offer live GPS and tracking solutions with connected cameras that upload instantly, instead of the client having

to wait until the bus returns to the lot and send someone out to retrieve the tape. Samsara is cloud based and there is no need for a server. It is software intensive, has google maps, live feed of bus activity, graph of speed history, bus maintenance status, and other features.

Terry Penn asked if there was any old or new business, and there was none. He blessed the food and the meeting was adjourned.

The vendors provided lots of great door prizes which were handed out during lunch. Thank you again to all the support we receive from our vendors.