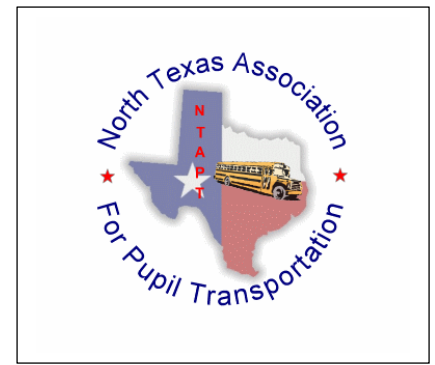


February Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Mabank ISD
824 W Mason St
Mabank, Texas 75147



Meeting was called to order by NTAPT President Tammy Loveless.

Tammy introduced our Host, Mabank ISD Transportation Director Randy Welch. Randy welcomed everyone to Mabank ISD and thanked us for coming to today's meeting.

NTAPT President Tammy Loveless introduced the Vendor Sponsors:

ATS-American Traffic Solutions – David Jackson

Bus Bulletin Inc. – Rick Smith

David and Rick both welcomed everyone to the meeting today. Rick shared a Bus Bulletin presentation.

Tammy recognized first time attendees and guests and the Districts introduced their guests.

Tammy welcomed, recognized, thanked the Vendors and asked them to introduce themselves and their company.

Next Laura Carter came up to give the Treasurer report. Laura gave the Report stating as of January 31, 2015, the beginning balance: \$7544.18, deposit: \$0.06 of interest, withdrawals: \$291.52 (\$250.00 for the Adult Scholarship and \$41.52 for Santa Clause at the December meeting and a receipt book), leaving an Ending balance: \$7,252.72. A motion was made and second to except the Treasurer Report as read, the membership voted and everyone was in favor.

NTAPT President-Elect. Felicia Harris called for Announcements;

Pat Garcia came up to give an update regarding the Speech Contest: there are about 100 contestants' state wide, Region X – contest will be Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Region X service center. Region XI – contest will be Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Mansfield. State Contest entry deadline is March 20, 2015 and State Contest will be Monday, April 20, 2015 in Waco. The overall state contest winner will present at the State Conference in June.

Next Felicia asked TAPT Treasure – Aaron Hobbs to share the TAPT updates.

Two weeks ago the TAPT Executive Committee met in Dallas and this past week selected the new Executive Secretary Marisa Weisinger, Pam McCurdy will still be helping in a lesser capacity. The Election Committee Candidates are on the website, early/absentee voting will start in about two weeks. Everything concerning the conference will be available on the website including the hotel, (please make sure you get your hotel room within the block), certification class registration, employee awards and student/adult scholarship. Aaron also shared that the laws have changed for CDL drivers and there are major changes coming through DPS scheduled to start this July that could impact

everyone. Aaron also stated that as more information becomes available it will be shared.

Laura Carter shared an update on 2015 NTAPT Regional Road-e-o. She excitedly encouraged everyone to get their teams ready to participate and also to solicit donations from their vendors in the form of gift cards in \$25.00 increments for the contestants and prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for Conventional/Transit/and Special Needs Driver/Assistant Team. Each District participating in the Road-eo will be assigned an event to judge and responsible for having judges for that event. The Regional Road-eo will be Saturday, April 18, 2015.

As Ex-Officio, Laura Carter shared that NTAPT Executive Officers Elections are coming up in April. Next year our President will be Felicia Harris, the open positions are President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. Everyone interested please e-mail Laura Carter.

Susie Waugh shared that in the past two years the Employee Nominees for Supervisor has come from the North Texas Chapter. She encouraged everyone to nominate for the area of Supervisor and Shop Forman. Susie also shared information regarding the Student (\$750)/Adult Scholarship (\$250) entries are due by March 2, 2015.

(Bobby Williams from TASBT was unable to attend today's meeting), however, Pat Garcia shared that he is working with the Area 2 Technicians group that alternate meeting locations between the Dallas and Fort Worth area. The next meeting (February) is sponsored by Southwest International and will be at Golden Coral in White Settlement and the one in April will be at the Golden Coral in Garland. Pat will send a group email out detailing all of the information regarding the upcoming meeting for these events. Pat also mentioned that Region 11 will be sponsoring a Drug Awareness workshop for Transportation Supervisors on Thursday, April 12, 2015 in Denton.

NTAPT President-Elect Felicia Harris Introduced the program speaker; Motivational Speaker, Mr. Steve Knagg, who has prepared and spoken at over 1100 functions, is retired from Garland ISD. Mr. Knagg shared inspirational words of encouragement.

Tammy asked for closing remarks and comments. Kim Smith shared that the Special Needs National Conference is coming up March 20-25th in Frisco at the Embassy Suites. Tammy asked Prentice Harper with Dallas County Schools to bless the food, the Meeting was adjourned and we departed for lunch at China Cafe.