



February Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Meeting Date: February 8, 2018
Host District: Lake Dallas ISD
Location: 104 Swisher Rd. Lake Dallas, TX. 75065

The February NTAPT meeting was called to order, at 10:34 a.m. by President Elect Terry Penn, in the absence of President Beverly Shannon. Everyone stood for the pledge to the flags. Terry recognized vendor sponsors and thanked them for supporting NTAPT. Lake Dallas ISD Transportation Director, Wendy Konz, welcomed everyone to Lake Dallas and introduced the Lake Dallas Superintendents. Superintendent Gail Stinson welcomed NTAPT to Lake Dallas, and Wes Ebersol, Deputy Superintendent and CFO, extended thanks to the Transportation Industry for being part of the student's educational journey.

Terry recognized first time attendees and had them introduce themselves. Terry spoke about the road-ee and let the vendors know that he would be reaching out to them through email about sponsorship for the road-ee.

The reading of the minutes from the January meeting was waived, and the minutes were accepted as published. George Eldridge read the current treasurer's report, and the report was approved and accepted by the members. Terry Penn then called for all the committee chairpersons to give a brief report. The Poster committee chair, Cindy Miller, reminded everyone to bring their posters to the next meeting, and to call her if anyone had questions. The Speech committee chair, Pat Garcia, mentioned that the speech contest was to be held the following Thursday, and reminded everyone that Region 10 is working with a Drug Testing Cooperative. The Scholarship committee chair was not present at the meeting. The Road-ee committee chair, Raymond Forsberg, reminded everyone of the March 23rd deadline to register for the Regional road-ee to be held on April 7, 2018. The fee for regular contestants is \$50.00 per person, and the special needs fee is \$100.00 per team. Raymond stated that we still needed 8 to 10 Thomas Built buses and that they still have two events that needed volunteers. Terry Penn mentioned that the road-ee is the largest and most expensive event that NTAPT hosts and that it is for the drivers. He said that there has been representation at the national level and it is imperative that we host a well-organized event. He mentioned some of the costs associated with the event, and that is generally around \$5000. Some of the examples were rental of portable bathrooms, water, ice, trophies, and food. He mentioned that we combine with Region 11, and how important it is to have enough funds and volunteers to host a successful road-ee. Raymond mentioned that NTAPT will be posting the rules for the road-ee

on the website. Terry asked if there were any questions, and Laura Carter said that since her district has been incorporating the road-ee into their yearly bus driver In-service, that they have reduced accidents in their district. Doug Becker spoke about his district's participation at the state road-ee, and mentioned that the TSD conference is a great place to learn more about the special needs side of transportation.

Special Speaker for the meeting was Lonny Haschel with the DPS. He gave a great presentation and spoke about complacency, and how it can become a problem in the daily business of transporting students. He spoke about routines, and used the phrase "It's routine until it isn't". He showed videos of everyday bus drivers who became heroes by their quick actions during emergency situations. He gave some ways that drivers can improve their skills and cut down on complacency.

Vendor sponsor Creative Bus Sales gave a brief talk about their company and said that they had brought one of their buses for members to tour if they were interested.

Terry asked if there was any old or new business. Ernest Del Bosque reminded everyone about NTAPT officer nominations for next year and said to please reach out to him if you are interested in running for office. Candidates will be presented at the March meeting and voting will take place at the April meeting.

Doug Becker blessed the food, and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.