



January Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Grand Prairie ISD
514 Skyline Rd Building F
Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Meeting was called to order by NTAPT President Tammy Loveless.

Tammy introduced our Host, Grand Prairie ISD Transportation Manager Ken Woods. Ken welcomed everyone to Grand Prairie ISD in the absence of Grand Prairie ISD Transportation Director Phil Gurke. (Phil was unable to attend the meeting due to District business).

NTAPT President Tammy Loveless introduced the Vendor Sponsors:

Hydrotex – Terry Schubert

Stewart & Stevenson – Guy Sutherland

Terry and Guy both welcomed everyone to the meeting today. Terry shared information about the Texas Best Competition coming up in March and encouraged everyone to get their best Technicians and Inspectors involved. Guy thanked everyone for our business in 2014 and look forward to an even better year in 2015.

Tammy recognized first time attendees and guests and the Districts introduced their guests. (Special Guest Joe Dives Director of Transportation for Magnolia ISD and Tim Owen Assistant Director for Magnolia ISD)

Tammy then recognized and thanked the Vendors.

Next Tammy asked for the reading of the minutes from NTAPT Secretary, Beverly Shannon. Aaron Hobbs made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and everyone was in favor. Tammy shared that the minutes and pictures are on the website.

Tammy asked Laura Carter to come up to give the Treasurer report. Laura gave the Report stating the beginning balance was \$7904.11, deposits made \$70.00 for Membership dues, one withdrawal of \$750.00 for the Student Scholarship, leaving an Ending balance of \$7,224.11. A motion was made and so moved to except the Treasurer Report as read, the membership voted and everyone was in favor.

NTAPT President-Elect. Felicia Harris called for Announcements, she asked Laura Carter to come back up to give us an update on the Road-eo. The Road-eo committee will meet January 21, 2015 in Garland. Anyone interested in being on the Road-eo committee please meet with Laura after the meeting. Laura excitedly encouraged everyone to start preparing for the Road-eo. State Road-eo will be at the Standridge Stadium in Carrollton Farmers Branch.

Next Felicia asked Ashlee Poor to come up. Ashlee reminded everyone of the rules for submitting entries and shared this year's theme "Bully Free Zone" for the Poster Contest. She shared that all of the information is on the website and also encouraged everyone to bring their posters out to the March meeting in Plano for the Poster Contest.

Next Felicia asked our guest Mr. Joe Dives to come up. Joe Dives President of the Gulf Coast Chapter of TAPT shared information regarding the Winter Conference in League City and personally invited everyone to come to Winter Conference.

NTAPT President-Elect Felicia Harris Introduced the program speaker, Dallas County Schools Chief of Police Scott Peters who gave a very informative and enlightening K-9 presentation, unfortunately, Officer Mark Ladusau was unable to attend today due to needing to recertify Wyatt (his narcotic dog).

Next Ex-Officio Laura Carter stated the NTAPT Elections are coming up; candidates are needed to fill various offices. She encouraged everyone to start thinking about running.

Laura asked TAPT Area 2 Director – Ernest Del Bosque, who shared TAPT updates. January 24th and 25th we will have TAPT classes in Frisco, the Gulf Coast Mid-Winter Conference will be held in League City February 7th and 8th. Transporting Students with Disabilities National Conference is March 20th – 25th in Frisco, January 9th is the deadline for anyone interested in bidding for an office at the State level. TAPT Executive Committee will be meeting January 29th, 30th and 31st to solidify and finalize some of the plans for the TAPT Summer Conference and conduct interviews for the Executive Secretary position.

President Tammy Loveless asked TASBT President Bobby Williams to come up, Bobby shared that TASBT is currently looking for an Executive Secretary. TASBT website is up and running and is mobile friendly, and he encouraged everyone to check out the website. He talked about the Texas Best Competition and encouraged all districts to get their people involved.

President Tammy Loveless recognized Oscar Rogers, DCS Area Director - Carrollton/Farmers Branch will be retiring at the end of the month and was asked to share words of wisdom. Oscar shared that will be continue to be a part of this organization.

Tammy asked for closing remarks and comments. She then asked Stan Loftin with Canton ISD to bless the food, the Meeting was adjourned and lunch was served. The drawings were held during lunch.