



March Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Meeting Date: March 1, 2018
Host District: Royse City ISD
Location: 810 Old Greenville Road Royse City, TX 75189

Beverly Shannon called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. All members stood and gave the pledge of allegiance. Royse City Transportation Director Tammy Loveless welcomed everyone to Royse City and introduced their Associate Superintendent, Jeff Webb. He welcomed NTAPT and thanked everyone for doing a “thankless” job of getting students to and from school safely. He said he knows that no one seems to notice until something goes wrong. He said how much he appreciates Tammy and all that she does for their district. Beverly introduced the vendor sponsors and thanked them. She asked for any new attendees, and there were none. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as posted. George gave the treasurer’s report, and it was accepted as given. Beverly mentioned that Terry Penn was not present because he was at a TASBO conference. All the school bus safety poster entries were posted in the meeting room for members to vote on. Beverly thanked Tim Dreiling with Southwest for providing the trophies. Raymond Forsberg spoke about the deadlines for Road-éo entries. Entry deadline is March 23rd, and money is due the following Friday. He mentioned that there will be two more meetings – March 6th and a mandatory meeting April 6th, both in Frisco. He also said the Road-éo bylaws will be posted on the website next year, and that the name for the regional Road-éo will be changing to include Regions 10 and 11.

Pat Garcia said that the 8 Hr. certification classes are posted on line, and the 20 Hr. classes will be posted soon. He mentioned the Drug Testing Co-op again, and pointed out that information is available. He said the speech contest was tough competition this year, that 2 districts participated, and that all winners came from Royse City.

The Scholarship deadline is next Friday, but so far there were no participants.

Members then voted on the safety posters.

Program presenter Deanne Hullender gave a great presentation called “All Stressed Up & No Where to Go”. She spoke about the different things in our lives that can cause stress. She defined stress, discussed the effects of stress, and provided coping tools. She showed a video regarding the effects of stress. It was a very informative presentation.

Vendor Roger Peterson with Buck's Wheel demonstrated two different lights the company offers, a Kevlar sleeve, and spoke about retro-fitting for the 3 point seatbelts.

Mark Ondich with Master's Transportation provided handouts on small school buses and activity buses. He brought a sample bus for NTAPT members to tour. He also said that Master's Transportation is building a fleet of buses that will have specifications for Texas and they will be offering districts the opportunity to lease buses on a temporary basis for those districts who have a need.

Raymond reminded anyone interested in running for an NTAPT officer position to reach out to Ernest Del Bosque.

Beverly asked if there was any old or new business. Pat Garcia mentioned the TSD conference that was being held in Frisco the following week. Winners for the School Bus Safety poster contest were announced and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Division I

1st place - Plano

2nd place – Plano

3rd place – Midlothian

Division II

1st place – Frisco

2nd place – Frisco

3rd place – Duncanville

Division III

1st place – Plano

2nd place – Midlothian

3rd place – Midlothian

Division IV

1st place – Frisco

2nd place – Frisco

3rd place – none entered