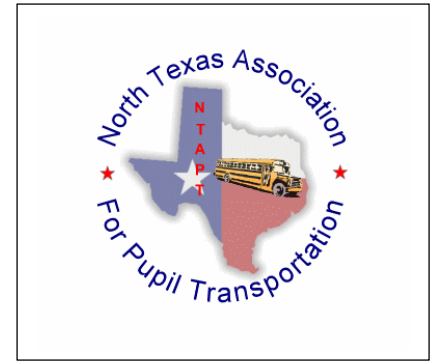


November Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mesquite ISD
2600 Motley Dr.
Mesquite, Texas 75150



Meeting was called to order by NTAPT President Tammy Loveless.

Tammy introduced our Host, Mesquite ISD Transportation Director Eddie Jaynes. Eddie welcomed everyone to Mesquite ISD and recognized Margaret McCullen, Mesquite ISD Transportation Office Manager and his mentor Mike Horn whom he could not make it without; and thanked everyone for being here.

NTAPT President Tammy Loveless introduced the Vendor Sponsors:
Longhorn Bus – Mike Horn
Bus Air – Paul Jones
They both welcomed everyone to the meeting today.

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

Tammy then recognized and thanked the Vendors. We couldn't make it without you all, thank you.

Next Tammy informed everyone "if you need to see the previous NTAPT meeting minutes, you can get them on the website or get with NTAPT Secretary, Ms. Beverly Shannon if you have any questions she will be able to help you."

Tammy asked Laura Carter to come up, and shared a recap from the previous meeting regarding Laura taking over as NTAPT Treasurer for the remainder of this term because Linda Berrier retired. The NTAPT membership will need to take a vote giving Laura Carter permission to be on the NTAPT checking account. The motion was made, it was so moved, and everyone was in agreement with giving Laura Carter permission to be on the NTAPT checking account. Laura shared that she and Linda went to the bank to change things over and bank needed this in the minutes before they could make the change. Laura also shared that due to the change of Treasurer, the Executive Committee agreed to extend the registration deadline for members to be eligible to vote and participate in the Road-ee has been extended to December 1st, 2014.

Tammy asked that we all keep Brandon Billingsley's family and the Heavy Duty Bus family lifted in pray due to his passing a few weeks ago. Tammy asked all of the Veterans to stand to be recognized. She appreciated and thanked them for their service.

Next Tammy introduced 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. Laura excitedly encouraged everyone to start preparing for the Road-eo. The Road-eo committee will meet next week in Garland, thanks to Barbara Russell for securing the committee meeting location.

Felicia Introduced TAPT Area 2 Director – Ernest Del Bosque, who shared TAPT updates. There is a TAPT Executive Committee meeting coming up in January. At which time they will interview prospective candidates for the Executive Secretary position; Pam McCurdy has decided to retire. Anyone interested in the position, all of the information is posted on the TAPT website. TAPT Elections are coming up; candidates are needed to fill various offices. There is a new process this year introduced by Ex-Officio Keith Kaup, which includes a letter of interest for the position you are seeking. You will still need the District letter of support, a bio and a photo. Anyone interested in seeking Executive Offices get with Ernest and he will get you going on that process.

Felicia asked Shanna Speller to come up to give updates on the poster contest. Shanna shared this year's theme "Bully Free Zone". Everything is on the website, it is the same as last year and we will vote on the Posters at the March meeting in Plano ISD.

Next Felicia asked Pat Garcia to give updates regarding the Speech Contest. Pat shared that the Speech Contest will follow suite with the Poster Contest, the topic will be "Bully Free Zone". Letters are being mailed out to the Schools of Texas, the District deadline is (the last Friday in January) January 25th, 2015. The Regional Contest will be sometime between January and March, the deadline for the Regional Contest is March 20th, 2015 The state Contest will be April 20th, 2015 in Waco at Region 12, and the winner will present at the State Conference on June 30th, 2015. The information is on the TAPT website.

Then Felicia asked Chris Kanouse with Region 10 to come up. Chris shared that the online 8 hour Certification course is going well. She asked for feedback regarding the online course.

NTAPT President-Elect Felicia Harris Introduced the program speaker, Deanne Hullander with Dallas County Schools who gave a very informative and enlightening Customer Service presentation.

Next Felicia asked to hear from Mr. Bob Durrin from R-Tyler Video. Bob Durrin introduced himself and shared information regarding what he does and what his company has to offer.

President Tammy Loveless asked for Old Business/New Business:

A member shared that November is Colon Cancer Awareness month and reminded everyone to get a Colonoscopy. (He recently lost two friends to Colon Cancer.)

Tammy asked for closing remarks and comments. Rob with Melissa ISD blessed the food, the Meeting was adjourned and lunch was served. The drawings were held during lunch.