



November Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Meeting Date: November 9, 2017
Host District: Garland I.S.D.
Location: 326 Stadium Drive Garland, TX 75040

Since the original meeting location had been double booked in error, the site was changed to another venue right around the corner. Garland ISD provided bus transportation to anyone who needed it, and we would like to say thank you to the driver, she was great.

Ernest Del Bosque welcomed everyone and explained the reason the location was changed.

NTAPT President, Beverly Shannon, called the meeting to order at 10:42 am. She recognized the vendor sponsors, and asked that any new attendees stand and be introduced. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made, seconded, and carried. George gave the treasurer's report, and it was accepted. Terry Penn made several announcements and mentioned that the schedules on the NTAPT website are up to date.

Randy Gover, Weatherford ISD Director and TAPT Area 2 Director, wanted everyone to know that TAPT state level office nominations are now open and encouraged members to think about running for office. He reminded everyone that continuing education is required every three years to keep up state TAPT certifications. He mentioned that new courses have been created, and that there is a possibility for on-line classes coming soon. NAPT offers on-line classes. He encouraged districts to get more bus drivers involved, and how TAPT certifications can be used in lieu of a college degree in some circumstances.

Cindy Miller, bus safety poster contest chair, said that information packets on the contest were available, and reminded everyone to bring the completed posters to the April meeting.

Raymond Forsberg made several announcements about the Road-ee. He said the discussion was made to have vendor booths at the Road-ee and asked that vendors reach out to him regarding this. He mentioned that there were positions still available to help at the Road-ee, and to please let him know if you want to participate.

Pat Garcia, speech contest chair, made an announcement about the speech contest and said that the winners will present at the state conference in June.

Tammy Loveless, scholarship chair, mentioned that the form needs to be updated on the website.

Special Speaker, Cary Dowl, gave a moving and inspirational presentation. He mentioned that there is a difference between a job and a calling, and that a calling is a journey. He said that a leaders' most powerful ally is his or her example and spoke about a teacher he had as a young student who changed his life. He spoke about creating change in yourself, your environment, and to help others who are willing to change.

Vendor presentations were made by Doggett Freightliner, Cook Consulting Services, and Southern Tire Mart.

Sonja Foster from Cook Consulting spoke about the field trip software from the App Garden called Travel Tracker.

Southern Tire Mart mentioned that the BuyBoard program has been extended until February, and that they are offering nationwide service for service calls on field trips.

Beverly asked if there was any old or new business. There has been a change of venue for the December 7th meeting to Kauffman High School. Judge Kathy Penn will be the special speaker. She encouraged everyone to reach out to other districts and encourage them to come to the NTAPT monthly meetings.

Pat Garcia reminded Beverly to honor the veterans before we broke for lunch. She was appreciative of the reminder, and had all the veterans attending the meeting to stand and tell what branch of the military they served in. There were veterans from all branches, and we are very thankful and appreciate our veterans.

Stan blessed the food, and the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am. Food was served back at the original location. Door prizes were provided by the vendors and were handed out during the meal.