



September Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Meeting Date: September 14, 2017

Host District: Plano I.S.D.

Location: The Sockwell Center, 6301 Chapel Hill Blvd., Plano, TX. 75093

NTAPT President, Beverly Shannon, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She introduced the 2017-2018 NTAPT officers.

Plano ISD Transportation Director, Andrew Forrester, welcomed everyone to Plano. He spoke briefly about Plano Transportation's recruiting team and the work they are doing to reach out to potential applicants for driving and assisting on school buses. Andrew spoke about how bus driving is a noble profession and how that could be used in the recruiting process.

Beverly Shannon then asked that all vendors stand and be recognized, and asked them to give a brief description of their company and what they do.

Old business/New business was discussed. Yearly chapter dues were increased from \$25.00 to \$30.00. This is the first increase in many years. A motion was raised and seconded to not have the reading of the last meeting's minutes. George Eldridge gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was approved.

President Elect Terry Penn introduced the committee chairpersons and made an announcement regarding NTAPT membership. All chairpersons stood and were recognized.

Historian Raymond Forsberg made an announcement regarding the Road-ee and mentioned changing up the sites to other districts in Region 10 and Region 11.

Pat Garcia made an announcement about the bus safety posters being placed in the capital. He also mentioned the seatbelt update and made some flyers available about a DOT Co-op.

Special speaker Paul Leighton from Operation Lifesaver gave a wonderful presentation and spoke about railroad and school bus safety.

Vendor Sponsor Southern Tire Mart spoke about their pricing on the Co-op/Buy Board and how it is the lowest pricing possible and the buying period is extended. They also said their services can be customized to meet individual district's needs.

Vendor Sponsor Presidio presented a video about their routing system for bus routes. They spoke about the benefits of the system which includes a parent app that can show parents where their student is at all times during the bus ride; how the system can send out messages to parents if the bus is running late; and how it can provide wireless solutions for students riding the bus.

Due to time constraints, the other two vendor sponsors, Southwest International and Aerowave Technologies, opted not to present at the meeting so that everyone could go ahead and eat lunch and return to their districts.

Terry Penn gave the blessing over the meal.

Southern Tire Mart and a couple other vendors donated door prizes, and those were handed out during the lunch.

Beverly Shannon adjourned the meeting at 12:22 pm.