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Advisory Council Meeting
Nash-Rocky Mount Bus Garage
September 30, 2009
10:00 AM

Binford Sloan opened meeting, welcomed everyone, and gave the invocation.

Scott Denton administered the Oath of Office.

In attendance were:

State Officers: Binford Sloan, Charles McDowell, and Cynthia Phillips

Members: Gary Proffitt, Laura Flye, Dianne Grumelot, David Twiddy,
Joey Weathington, Legislative Committee Chairman Scott Denton,
and Derek Graham from DPI.

Advisory Council Minutes

Charles McDowell gave the minutes from the July 23, 2009 meeting. David Twiddy made a motion to accept, Diane Grumelot seconded. Motioned passed.

Charles McDowell gave the minutes from the August 12, 2009 meeting. Laura Flye made a motion to accept, David Twiddy seconded. Motioned passed.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Phillips gave the Treasurer's Report. Joey Weathington made the motion to accept and David Twiddy seconded.

Committee Reports

Binford Sloan reported that all committee assignments will stay the same as last year. All new members will fill the slots of the exiting members.

Legislative

Scott Denton reported that House Bill # 9 (no texting while driving) and House Bill # 440 (The Nicholas Adkins Bill--Cameras on buses capturing stop-arm violators) both passed in the General Assembly.

He also reported other bills that were passed included: Sex Offenders can not drive a school bus transporting children, and a technical correction now includes that Activity Buses are exempt from DMV-inspections.

Scott Denton reported that one big item that didn't make it in last session, but is coming back up this year is Funding of Tort Claims. The talk is that this may be implemented over a three year period and then taken over by each LEA. Derek Graham said now money is allocated by the General Assembly and paid thru DPI, but if this bill passes then each LEA would have to pay for this.

Scott suggested that each member talk with their Legislators.

TAG

No report

Recognitions

No report

Hall of Fame

No report

Service Pins

Binford Sloan reported that service pins had been mailed to recipients.

Nominations

No Report

By Law Update

Discussions were made in reference to, in the event that if future summer conferences are cancelled, then how would we elect State Officers. Our current by-laws state that officers shall *begin after being installed during the business session at each annual convention of the association membership.*

David Twiddy made a motion that we keep the same version as currently in the By-Laws and add to follow the same format that was done this summer. Dianne Grumelot seconded. Motion passed. Binford Sloan will write a version that will be presented to the Advisory Council for approval.

Web-site

Binford Sloan reported that Toni Parlier does not want to continue to design our Web-page. He also reported that the business that was maintaining our Website has gone out of business, our domain (ncptaonline.org) is up for sale, and we have already paid our fee of \$139.50 for this year.

Binford reported that we would have to place a bid to get our domain back--which could possibly cost a lot of money, and since the company just closed and sort of disappeared without contacting us, we probably will not get our fee back.

Binford talked with Mickey Atkins at ITRE in reference to maintaining a Website for NCPTA. ITRE is currently maintaining the website for DPI-Transportation Services (NCBUSSAFETY.ORG) that is covered by the Governor's Highway Safety Program. ITRE submitted a proposal that the most cost effective, quickest and easiest way to get NCPTA back online and functioning is to add it as a part of NCBUSSAFETY.ORG. NCPTA would have a block link on the NCBUSSAFETY home page and it would

function as its own website. The costs involved would be \$720 to convert existing web pages as needed, verify and fix links, update data, and have site back on web. Annual maintenance to do ongoing updates \$1000.00 a year.

Cynthia Phillips made a motion that we accept ITRE's proposal to maintain our website, we pay \$1000.00 a year maintenance fee, and we spend up to \$1500.00 for them to convert existing web pages as needed. Joey Weathington seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Training

Binford Sloan will send out information to members to see if there is still interest about classes that were scheduled for the summer conference that was canceled. If there are any School Bus Garages that are interested in hosting a site for the classes, please contact Binford. The classes that were scheduled were: FS-65 Advanced Electrical Body/Chassis; DT-466; and the CE-20 Advance Electrical Diagnostic.

2010 Summer Conference

The 2010 Summer Conference has been planned for July 13th. thru July 16th. 2010 in Concord, NC

Derek Graham suggested that since the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference will be held in Columbia, S.C., from July 11th. thru the 13th. 2010. Then we may be able to piggyback on that conference.

David Twiddy made a motion that we enter a joint registration (for those who are interested for a reduced fee) with the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference for registration, to schedule TIMS Classes on Tuesday, Jul 13th. (since there will not be a separate TIMS Conference this year), and have the Vendors Show on Thursday, July 15, 2010. Cynthia Wilson seconded motion... Motion passed.

Binford Sloan will contact George Douglas with Cabarrus County Schools about hosting the 2010 Conference.

The meeting was adjourned, and the next meeting and time was not scheduled.