



NCPTA Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

Attendees:

Executive Board & NCPTA Members

Meeting Called to Order:

Brian Littke at 10:16am

Service Pins Update:

Brenda stacked discussed progress on pins. Brenda will get Brian a list of how many pins are needed and will mail all at one time. Brenda will try to get done during Spring Break. Every county has been sent a list and asked for feedback. Majority counties replied. Thinking about sending each person a membership card with years of service on it. Allow app for people to buy back their year. (The board has not approved)

Asked if app track data? Name, year, and contact info. Some names of deceased members on database. Trying to clean up before pushing membership live.

Scott asked Brenda to get list cleaned up and then present to Board. Put a deadline on people responding by June 30th. Marlon recommended deadline for June 1st. June 8th deadline decided.

Cynthia asked Brenda to email her service pin list once she compiles it.

Training for uploading previous awardees.

Welcome:

Provided by Patsy Hudson at 10:36am

Meeting Minutes:

Patsy Hudson read meeting minutes. Vec Dunn took minutes from prior meeting due to Marlon being absent.

Motion to Accept by Vec Dunn

Motion 2nd by Margie Gill

Treasurer Report:

Brian Littke read report. Balance – 45, 550.26, Money Market – 96,360.57, 52.39. Group had no questions.

Motion to accept by Carol Bowes.

Motion 2nd by Art Whitaker.

Merchandise Trailer:

Diane sent picture of merchandise trailer.

Patsy shared picture of the trailer. Don't know the status of what has been purchased.

Diane is looking at ideas of things to purchase. Asking for ideas. Looking at getting some polo shirts.

NCPTA Executive Director Update:

Scott provided clarification update will take a legislative mandate to push forward. Some counties have positions that are under paid. Advocate to use data for counties to use. NCASA has adopted our recommendation & a proponent of group adopting new classification. It is a slow process.

Position papers, bus stops and parent responsibilities. Recommend board consider adopting position paper to require parent responsibility. Scott will be using it in Union County. Carole agrees to adopt.

1st Motion - Carole motion to adopt position document regarding parents' responsibilities at bus stop

2nd motion by Tony Leak

Operating buses on windy conditions. No other association has adopted a policy. Use 39 mph whenever there is an advisory should we pursue a position paper on this paper.

Derek Graham noted there is a manual from Florida that uses 35 mph as a guide.

Marge discussed three issues; stop arms will not stay out, walking control arm may break, slides on the lift.

Art asked about sustained wind or gust.

Kevin noted that Florida sustained winds of 35 mph only information found on the topic. Notes CDL manual

Scott wonders if Thomas has a position on this. Lloyd noted that coastal communities tough to base it on a number. Bridge closes only during hurricane.

Brian – 45 sustained at county level

Marlon – Thomas 45 mph has been shown to affect bus.

Patsy – referenced Info from SC in regards to wind protection action

Scott – Bylaws March 2018 min. Req board members to be employed by LEA. Need to update to ensure accuracy. Currently terms of office are 1 yr. (should be 2 yrs.)

Recommend changes be made to document to reflect what we are doing.

Patsy and Scott will work on updating and getting it to group.

ITRE:

Kevin Hart – website, working on BSIP, parent component, committee, may be increase on hosting change. Do board want to pursue another company. Need to make decision on how to move forward.

Brian will look and make decision

Carol asked Brian if Board owns URL

Brian will check to see when it expires. URL was bought Dec. 2013 for 9 years for \$70

Discussion on COVID 19 w/ DPI:

Google sheet on how LEA's are handling pandemic. How many buses, staff are being used. All directors have a link to open and edit the sheet. Over 100 counties are providing nutrition service. 1 or 2 counties stopped due to staff contracting virus.

No reporting on WIFI. Guilford county considering WIFI. Marlon noted they have ordered 10 units and waiting to receive & install

Lenoir currently have buses using WIFI now.

Kevin have 30 units

Scott – looking at staff doing 4/10hr days.

Marlon – Mechanics working from home and staff on call.

Pitt – everyone still coming in, adding 6 buses for food delivery, looking at adjusting schedule and working from home.

Seeking some recognition for mandatory staff. Can we get some extra funding to assist in incentivizing people to come in (General Assembly)?

Tort claims does not cover yellow buses for food distribution. DPI, DOJ putting together a joint statement to send out.

Kevin noted that it is complicated. DOJ will continue to handle the defense of claims.

Transposium:

Conference June 15th-19th. Working on getting bio info with contact info. Completed download of the app. Email any questions to Cynthia. 144 registered to attend. 758 room nights reserved. Fairfield Inn @ Hickory is now closed for renovations. Everyone moved to Courtyard by Marriott. 116 sessions scheduled for training. All classes are scheduled and all presenters notified. Waiting to see if conference is still a go due to pandemic. Looking at May 16th as drop date to have no penalties.

Derek noted that a decision will be made by May 16th for the Southeastern conference scheduled for July

Cynthia – advised that a deadline need to be decided upon to make cancellation decision.

Superintendent conference has been cancelled.

Patsy – suggested to hold off on district spring meetings until the Fall

Scott – District areas can do meetings via zoom. Let Patsy know what you decide.

Vacant Board Position:

Need to discuss Kevin Griffin resignation as Vice President and update Trailblazer/Hall of Fame

Officers – Executive Board do not have a VP. Marlon has taken on some of the duties. Kevin resigned position. Need guidance on how to handle. Scott recommend leaving everything as is. Scott resigned as Executive Dir. Motion to keep officers until next conference. Cynthia – suggested the need for a full board going into another year. Marlon agree with need to have 5 members and will do whatever the Board decides. Derek sent bylaws. Patsy will send out bids for Scott's position to be filled. Marlon made motion to nominate position for secretary. Vec, Patsy, Brian suggested to keep as is and make Marlon VP. Vec need clarity; is it 2 more years or do another vote to amend it. Scott – fill vacancy for the remainder of this term. Tony Leak– suggest we put someone in the interim of VP until conference. Marlon – Do double duties until summer and nominations are taken.

Brian made motion to hold Marlon in double duties until summer.

Corey 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director resigned. Contract expiring for conference coordinator.

Vec motioned to keep Cynthia as conference coordinator.

Carol 2nd motion

Meeting Adjourned