

North Carolina Pupil



Transportation Association

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Advisory Council Meeting
Nash-Rocky Mount Bus Garage
March 31, 2010 10:00 AM

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

In attendance were:

State Officers: Binford Sloan, Jerry Wynne, and Cynthia Phillips

Members: Christopher Jones, Ricky Carter, Cinda Lewis, Laura Flye, Dianne Grumelot, Joey Weathington, John Barbour, Regina Denton, Bob Gauldin, Gary Proffitt, Gail Baker, Legislative Committee Chairman Scott Denton and Derek Graham from DPI.

Advisory Council Minutes

Minutes from September 30, 2009 were distributed for each member to review, Scott Denton made a motion to accept, John Barbour seconded. Motioned passed.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Phillips gave the Treasurer's Report. John Barbour made the motion to accept and Scott Denton seconded. Motioned passed.

Cynthia gave an update of number of membership pins to be issued to various members at this year's conference.

Committee Reports

Cynthia Phillips read a "Thank You" letter from the church on behalf of George Douglas.

Legislative Report:

Scott Denton reported the floor will vote on 5/19 on a bill to allow Collective Bargaining by State Employees and requested NCPTA to vote AGAINST this bill. Decision was to monitor this issue and for members to take back to their spring meeting for discussion.

Scott reported on the budget as reported in the past NCASA Conference. The budget outlook for 2010 – 2011 is not good and the budget for 2011 – 2012 is worse because of lost of stimulus funds to LEA's.

The TAG will try to revitalize the Physical Standards for Bus Drivers and where this issue was stopped almost two years ago.

Scott provided minutes from the last TAG meeting for members to review.

Derek reported information from across the state to the legislators that pupil transportation need the 1000 buses requested versus the 600 proposed and that substantial funds were allotted for fuel.

Service Truck replacement is on scheduled for April/May.

Reviewed the SBE proposed policies concerning:

1. Charter Motor coaches for School Trips (Effective September 1, 2010)
2. School Bus Driver Certification for Activity Bus Drivers (Effective July 1, 2010 / July 1, 2015)
3. School Bus Driver Inspectors (Effective August 1, 2011)

Recognition Committee:

Trailblazer Award - The NCPTA will continue this award and Joey Weathington is the point of contact for nominations.

Hall of Fame – The committee has received two nominations and awaiting the committee decision.

Nomination Committee:

Jerry Wynne presented two nominations to the board for consideration for next year's Secretary. After introductions of nominees and discussion the board voted in a split decision to accept Jim Ellis to be added to the proposed slate of officers as follows:

Jerry Wynne - President,
Charles McDowell - Vice President,
Jim Ellis - Secretary,
Cynthia Phillips – Treasurer
Binford Sloan – Past President

Binford submitted needed modifications to the NCPTA By Laws to facilitate election of officers in the absence of an annual state conference. Discussion and additional modifications were made to the by-laws to take back to the membership for state wide vote at the summer conference. Bob Gauldin made motion to accept and Christopher Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Binford gave an update of the Conference schedule and classes and stated the registrations packets will be available to members in a week or two.

State School Bus Rodeo:

Binford requested assistance with this year's bus rodeo. Regina Denton, Dianne Grumelot, Laura Flye, and Christopher Jones volunteered to assist.

NCPTA Merchandise:

1. Board agreed to continue to buy and sell NCPTA merchandise but to purchase in reasonable amounts and not because the item is on sale.

2. Will give each member a Back Pack as a registration gift.
3. NCPTA will reorder new stock and items
4. Will make merchandise available for sell at the District and State Rodeo Events.

Next Scheduled Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2010 @ 3:00 – 8:00 P.M. prior to the annual conference and the exact location is to be determined at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.