

## **NCPTA Spring Meeting 3.08.24**

Call to order Marlon Watson at 10:03 AM

Welcome from Guilford County Schools

Special thanks to First Light Safety for the lunch

- Graham Matthews made a short presentation on the illuminated stop and school bus signs

Roll call by Cynthia Phillips with 11 1 and 2 Directors present.

Minutes read from the last meeting by Lloyd Willis.

- Motion was made and accepted.

Treasurer report read by Brian Litke

- Working balance of \$146,223 dollars.
- Motion made and accepted for treasurer's report.

Art Whitaker gave an update on the awards committee

- Spoke about the name change for the Trailblazer award.
- Cut off dates are listed on the NCPTA website.
- Send all nominations to Art Whitaker via email.

Membership-Marge not attending

- Marlon stated to contact him regarding any membership questions regarding service pins.

State Rodeo and State Fair-update by Josh L

- Josh urged all to work on local and district rodeos, to give any input or suggestions that could be helpful.
- Marlon gave an update on Rodeo rules and that the State Rodeo would be on June 12th at the Fairgrounds.
- The State Fair is a huge success with over 926000 attendees. The booth had a great location and Buster was a big hit! portrayed by Daisy Roulhac.
- There is a need to work on the parking situation and how to get more volunteers.
- Marlon gave a list of District Rodeo locations. The State Rodeo date of 6-12-2024 and location of the Fairgrounds.

NCASA update by Alex Chapman and Robert Lee

- Next meeting 3-20-25
- Items to ask about NC to possibly follow SC with letting drivers come back before the 6-month retirement rule.

## **Transposium Update** by Cynthia Phillips

- Buncombe host city dates June 17th thru 20th.
- Shout out to Jeremy for all his help.
- Hotel check in can be challenging. Have your county assign people to rooms, do not put reservations in one name.
- Crowne Plaza is full; the overflow is Country Inn which is 5 minutes from Crowne Plaza.
- NCPTA app is up and ready please have attendees download app
- 300 registered as of today
- Meals served Monday dinner, Tuesday and Wednesday lunch, Thursday lunch and dinner.
- Western themed.

## **Trade Show-changes**

- Decision maker part of the show will be available to 2 people from each County.
- No spouses or children during this time.
- LEA can make the decision on the 2 staff.
- It will be shortened to 1 hr and 15 minutes.

## **NCDPI & Legislative** update by Kevin Harrison

- TD-10 due next week, 1st step of bus replacement normal practices with the TD-10 now.
- Stop arm camera allotment will go out soon.
- Enhanced stop arm allotment 61 applied 57 awarded and submitted.
- Equipment contingency closed today will be submitted next week.
- Small fuel allotment- no documents will be required.
- All leftover funding has to go out by the end of March. It will be related to budget rating and efficiency.
- Bid for the new school bus is ongoing and will be used for the next year orders.
- Finance agreement still pending.
- 30-day inspection committee selected to go over the 30-day manual.
- Not much on a Legislative front at this point. New session to start in April 2024.

## **DMV Report** by Terry Fuller (20 years DMV experience)

- Department moving in the right direction, salary analysis to increase current positions and help attract new staff.
- 1 position open- some staff out on WC.
- Department has purchased 3 new school buses to help with training.
- Virtual training continuing to improve
- Virtual training had 1900 participants with a 84 % passing rate.

- Together with both virtual and in person over 3000 participants.
- Now the School Bus Traffic and Safety Department reports directly to the DMV Commissioner

**Nominations** by Marlon

- Officers for Secretary and Treasurer
- Treasurer
  - Margo McGill (4)
  - Robert Lee (1)
  - Parish Seagall
  - Daisy Roulhac (5)-winner
- Secretary
  - Parish Seagull (4)
  - Patsy Hudson (6)-winner
- Trade Show Coordinator-Any interest? Regina Denton will be in this position after this conference. Brian Litke will no longer be on the board after the Conference.
- Art Whitaker volunteered to be the Legislative Liasson

District 9 meeting tonight in Greenville.

Recognize Vendors attending:

- **Zoom Transportation** - would love the opportunity to speak with anyone about full Transportation and Routing options. Recognizes International Women's Day.
- **Edulog**- Derek Graham says hello to everyone and if there should be questions about TIMS or Smart Bus he is available.
- **Gregory Poole**- new Bus orders are arriving in June. They are sponsoring Casino night at Conference on Monday evening. Training is always available, just reach out to them.
- **Carolina Thomas**- Buses are in production. They are sponsoring Bingo Night on Wednesday at Conference. Training and plant tours available.
- **White's IC Bus**-Buses are on order. Next gen bus demo available in April and May. Sponsoring Cornhole tournament and AX throwing Tuesday night at Conference. Carlos is available for training opportunities.

Marlon discussed the next Conference in Wilmington 2025.

Thanks again, to First Light for Lunch

Marlon thanked Guilford City for hosting and a special thanks to Directors 1 & 2's for attending.

Randy gave Prayer for Lunch. Motion to adjourn meeting- motion accepted.