

GULF COAST CHAPTER
Texas Association for Pupil Transportation
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Date: April 1, 2006
To: Gulf Coast Chapter TAPT, Member Addressed
From: Marisa Weisinger ~ President
Brian Weisinger ~ Vice President
Sam Davila ~ Secretary
Keith Kaup ~ Treasurer
Aaron Hobbs ~ Parliamentarian
Subject: April Meeting of the Gulf Coast Chapter TAPT

Deer Park ISD will host the April meeting of the Gulf Coast TAPT Chapter on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. Deer Park is located at 502 East 2nd Street, Deer Park, Tx. (Please see directions below.) The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. The minutes of the March 2006 meeting is included below for your review.

Agenda for April 2006

Call to Order: *President – Marisa Weisinger*

Invocation/Pledge:

Welcome and Introductions:

Program & Lunch Sponsor: Transpec – Garry Whitman

Minutes of Previous Meeting: *(see below)*

Treasurer’s Report: *Balance as of 4-1-06 - \$4,409.59*
(157 Registered Members)

Old Business:

New Business: Poster Contest
GCAPT Treasurer Election
Rodeo Information
Formation of a GCAPT Historical Committee

Committee Reports:

Program:

Sponsor/Presenter: Garry Whitman - Transpec

Adjourn:

Texas Pledge of Allegiance:

[“Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible.”](#)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- *March 31-April 3* *“Train the Trainer” Texas A&M*

- *April 11* *Chapter Meeting **Deer Park ISD***
Safety Poster Contest
GCAPT Treasurer Election
Sponsor – Transpec – Garry Whitman

- April 20-21* *School Bus Accident Management, Documentation & Investigation*
Region IV

- April 22* *Regional **Rodeo**, Katy ISD*

- *May 9* *Chapter Meeting, **Humble ISD***
Sponsors – Meal - Longhorn Bus Sales
Room – Mitch Powers North Houston Lubricants & Supply

- *June 8-9* *Transporting Students with Disabilities: Bus Driver Training*
Ft. Bend ISD 9:00 – 4:00

- June 16-21* *TAPT Conference & Trade Show, South Padre Island*

- June 27* *Child Passenger Safety Training*
Region IV

- *July 7-10* *“Train the Trainer” Texas A&M*

- July 14-17* *“Train the Trainer” Rockwall*

- July 20-21* *School Bus Attendant Training*
Region IV

- July 21-24* *“Train the Trainer” Austin*

- July 28-31* *“Train the Trainer” El Paso*

For Train the Trainer info contact Laura Wilson, TEEX, 979-862-3735.

Minutes from the March 2006 Meeting

- Call to Order:** President – Marisa Weisinger
- Invocation/Pledge:** Philip Smith, General Manager of Transportation, Houston ISD
- Welcome & Intros:** Bonnie Russell, Executive General Mgr of Transportation, Houston ISD
- Minutes:** Motion to accept by Cindy Freeman, Cy-Fair ISD; Second by Bonnie Russell, Houston ISD Motion approved.
- Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to accept by Raymond Vyoral, Cy-Fair ISD; Second by Paul Youngjohn, Houston ISD. Motion approved.
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** Bus Chatter – Online (Postcard), April 1st – Scholarship Nominations due, GCAPT Treasurer Nominations – Vote will be done at the April meeting. Special Needs Rodeo winner recognition, Poster Contest – Vote will be done at the April meeting.
- Committee Reports:** Kathryn Cook – Region IV – Regional Speech Contest Winners
Aaron Hobbs–TAPT–State Conference Info. April 1st TAPT Scholarships
Brian Weisinger – Specification Committee Update – Type A Bus Flooring, Regular Rodeo Information.
Debbie Schlutz – Special Needs Rodeo Information
Bill Powell – Winter Conference Overview – 22 Vendors, 44 Attendees, And 168 folks attended 268 Certification Classes.
- Program:** Kathryn Cook – IDEA Updates and Information.
- Program Sponsor:** Thomas Bus – BBQ Lunch
- Meeting Adjourned:** Motion by Cindy Freeman, Cy-Fair ISD; Second by Raymond Vyoral, Cy-Fair ISD. Motion approved.
- Raffle Donations:** Special thanks to Houston ISD and Thomas Bus for the raffle gifts.

Candidates for Treasurer

BILL CONAWAY

I have been the Transportation Director for College Station ISD for the past 10 years. I started out driving a shuttle bus while attending Texas A&M University. I have been in bus transportation for over 23 years. I am a member of TAPT, NAPT and TASBO.

Some of my best experiences with the Gulf Coast Chapter have come as a Regional Rodeo Judge the past three years. My wife Terry is a school teacher for Bryan ISD. I have two great kids, Jennifer, a ninth grader and Patrick, serving in the Air Force. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve you as Treasurer.

Phillip Smtih graduated from Texas A&M University in 1974 with a B.B.A. in finance and obtained a masters degree in accounting from the University of Texas in 1977. In 1984 he became a licensed Certified Public Accountant. Phillip joined the Houston Independent School District in 1992 as an Alternative Certification Program intern and began his teaching career at Sinclair Elementary School. In 1996, he moved to Lanier Middle School as the coordinator for the school's Vanguard Program. In 1997, he joined the district's Strategic Management Department as a Systems Control Specialist after completing the Consulting Associates Training Program at the American General Corporation. In 1999, he assumed the position of Senior Budget Analyst for the transportation department. In July of 2000, he was named to the position of Assistant General Manager, Transportation Services and later was named General Manger in January of 2004.

Directions to Deer Park ISD

Directions to Deer Park ISD Transportation Center:

State Hwy. 225 East, exit Center Street, go South on Center St., turn left on 2nd street, DPISD Transportation - 502 East 2nd Street, Deer Park, Phone # 832-668-7480.

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Deer Park Transportation Center
502 E. 2nd

Deer Park

