

## TAA Meeting Minutes 11/19/2014

Meeting call to order 10:00 AM

Attendees- Jay Morris, Tommy Simms, Hilma Garner, Sterling Skousen, Jenny Sempf, Sal Morales, Shannon Weber

Absent- Jeff Walker, Cathy Erwin, Josh Crosby, Mike Ajemann, Tony Mlynek, Sandy Brown

Review of minutes, approval next meeting - we do not have quorum in any area of board (Executive, Region, Appointees)

### Treasure Report

Chandler Schools expecting final payment toward last food service catering- check submitted was returned to Tommy - we will review with the department payment is less than \$50.00.

TAA account balance \$24,222 - \$2,300.00 outstanding from districts from 2014 conference fees, and vendor show payments. Districts and vendors have been contacted for finalization. One check pending clearance to NAPT for 2014 workbooks.

Funds balance compared to last year we are 7,000 beneath last year.

Corporation commission will be completed and submitted for 2015. Lower account balance will define number of goodies etc for 2015 conference. We will make adjustments where necessary - Total 2014 conference fees paid \$86,854.00 to High Country Conference Center.

Question to utilize organization credit/debit card for speaker and conference guest room reservations. Not for payment but to secure. This will avoid use of personal credit card from any of our board members. It was suggested that the number be kept on file for these types of purposes / **vote next meeting due to attendance**

An extension was requested for tax submission to confirm expenditures between July, 2013 - June, 2014. Figures can be brought back and will be submitted

Audit Committee- this group will meet Hilma, Sterling, Jay and Tommy will meet and review all in January and will update group by email.

### Conference Planning

NAPT - Jeff Walker, Shannon Weber, and Pete Meslin will facilitate NAPT options as certified NAPT Instructors - our conference agenda and guest planning is in early stages. At this time the budget is approximately \$8000.00 less than last but will suffice for conference costs to date- speakers and classes - will be determined, we will pool community of experts in AZ student transportation as we did last year to support and assist. - Conference goodies will be reviewed into spring.

Registration form for vendors has been updated - was distributed to group and reviewed - adjustments to packages, changes with extra tables, etc. vendor ID badges will be listed on form to have them prepared in advance. Sandy Brown will be added as appointed vendor liaison.

Member registration form will also be updated , **both forms will be reviewed and confirmed at next meeting and voted on with quorum next meeting both forms will be officially approved.** The goal of the group is to get forms on website to our community of faithful attendees by end of Jan.

TAA organization insurance is remaining the same - payment will be submitted in Jan. for all meetings and conference. We are pleased with coverage and price.

#### DPS Meeting

The trust is assisting in the organization of a meeting with DPS to discuss / review the concerns with delays and ongoing challenges regarding driver certifications. We will send a rep from TAA (Jeff Walker) to represent. There will also be representation from School Bus Advisory Council, and AAPT to discuss this issue. Date to follow.

#### Scholarship application for conference attendance 2015

The criterion is to allow participation from districts that have not had the opportunity to participate. Selected District to attend TAA upon application review will have conference fees paid - they will have the obligation of lodging. Discussion and decision in next meeting of number of scholarships - how they will be designated (regions, size of district, never attended, etc.) the board will confirm and approve criteria and carefully review applicant and organization

Open comments - Hot topic, sleep apnea - are districts funding testing cost?

Gilbert, no

Combs, no

Higley, no

Glendale, yes, deductible

Chandler, yes, deductible

Dysart, no

Blue Ridge, no

Medical providers are registered for DOT - it was suggested to bring in an expert to discuss the 5 components with your staff, recommended Mary Ellen Quinn from Banner.

Districts are losing drivers due to the non-funding of this and the requirements financially of the testing.

No voting in this meeting due to lack of quorum - discussion only.

Meeting adjourned – 10:55 AM

Next meeting – January 8, 2015 10 AM Canyon State Bus