

MAPT Regional Representative Council Meeting  
January 15, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.  
MAPT Office, Lansing

Regional Rep. Chair, Steve Lynch at 10:07 a.m, called today's meeting to order.

I. Introductions included those in attendance, years of service, and district from.

Steve Lynch, Dearborn Public Schools	Butch Hart, West Branch-Rose City
Linda Dixon, Tri County Area Schools	Mike Gwizdala, Bay City Public
Bob Herron, Flint Community Schools	Jackie Washagesic, South Haven Public
Mike Walbeck, Marshall Public Schools	Duane Kooyers, Dean Transportation, Inc
Kevin Doty, Mason Public Schools	Dave Meeuwsen, Zeeland Schools
Jane Bykerk, Hudsonville Public	Phil Haldaman, Traverse City Area Public
Kim Fowler, Lakeshore Public Schools	Darryl Hofstra, Forest Hills Public Schools

Steve thanked those that were in attendance.

II. Discussion of MAPT Services for 2010

Calendar for remaining year was discussed

Keeping the communication going

Volunteerism of members

Spring Membership Conference, Pre-Conference

Does everyone check the MAPT website often?

- A. It was suggested that Karen post the Exec. Summary and Board Minutes on the website. There was a discussion regarding this and a question asked if the information be posted in the member's only section and/or public. Discussion further ensued with input of items that should go under members only and items that should go under public.
- B. Getting information out to our regions, sharing events with others.
- C. Copies of your Regional Meeting minutes need to be submitted to Karen.
- D. There was a sharing of Regional Meeting descriptions and examples of lengths of meetings discussed by several. The average length of a regional meeting was 2 to 2 ½ hours.
- E. Encouraging new members to attend. Great place to meet new people in transportation. Many districts have people wearing many new hats and the Regional Meeting is a great opportunity to gain training, and useful suggestions from others in the business.

There was a discussion regarding the Annual Conference and how it was postponed until the summer of 2011. The board is looking at the probability of having a one day event in the fall, 2011, around Oct. or Nov., due to the fact that there will only be about 4 months between the summer event and the fall event. A discussion ensued regarding the summer date, it being the last week in June and the concerns that follow:

- A. Too close to the holiday weekend, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Many families take vacations at that time.
- C. Board members stated that June was a time of year the Membership was interested in for a meeting time.
- D. The board would like to know if a one day event in the fall would be beneficial.
- E. Interest is there for professional development series as a pre-conference event.
- F. Board is looking at possible joint certificate between MSBO/MAPT for certification Leadership Academy. Linda Stahl, 1<sup>st</sup> MAPT Leadership Certificate. Way to Go!!!
- G. Suggestion made to not host the Bus Roadeo at Boyne and that it should be centrally located, and scheduled at a different time then the Expo. There was an

explanation on how the bus roadeo became a traveling event. The National Roadeo is in July and people needed time to make reservations.

- H. Karen explained how the last week of June became the dates for the 2011 Expo. Question was posed, "Could Sunday be used as a day for the Expo?" The committee at this time only has the dates and locations of the event. There is a lot of flexibility to put something in place that could really make this great. Could the weekend be used as part of the event? Possibility to make this bigger and better than before, utilizing the amenities at Boyne, (i.e. Water Park, golf, etc.) Need feedback from regions on what is wanted by membership.

- III. Executive Director's Report – Karen  
Staff Directory's will be mailed out  
Membership plaques were available.  
Steve discussed that it was a great idea to present plaques at the Regional meeting. It promotes MAPT, Highlights the individuals receiving them, and demonstrates pride.
- IV. Update on Strategic Plan – Steve Lynch  
Looking at regionalizing training. Any input from membership, please direct to board.  
Growing and maintaining MAPT membership, offering events regionally instead of requesting members to come to Lansing.  
Video conferencing and video training being worked on for future.  
Discussion on class costs and what the cost covers. Classes are not profit based.  
Discussion on course offerings, suggestion to offer courses with inclusion of classes for bus drivers, mechanics. "Expanding our Reach" by offering training opportunities.
- V. Board Report items:  
Driver Training at a host region, to include 1-hour classes in Mirrors, Defensive Driving, Student Management, Distracted Driving. It was suggested to include Pre-trip Inspections. Minimum of 30 drivers to keep the cost under \$50.00 per driver. Fee based on cost.  
  
Supervisor training at a host region can be offered if you can get enough supervisors in the region together to be cost effective.  
  
It was offered that when classes are offered, it is critical for districts to have the accurate costs be listed for determining factors.
- VI. General Discussion/Regional Info – Steve  
Suggestions were made to move the board meeting once or twice out of the Lansing area, so that regions could attend.  
Suggestion to move regional meetings to a low attending county to get attendance at regional meetings once a school year.
- VII. Next Regional Rep. Meeting will be March 16,2010, Lansing MAPT office at 6:00 p.m.

Steve made the motion to adjourn, Kevin Doty second, David Meeuwsen, support. Adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dixon