

**Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association
April 17, 2008
MNPS Board of Education, 2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville**



President Brian Wilcox called the meeting to order at 11:54. He thanked Bob Watkins and Curry Corder for MNPS Hospitality.

Brian announced the chapter would be recognizing Ms. Taronda Frierson for the audit she conducted as soon as she is able to join our meeting.

The following guests were introduced by Robin Dieterich:

James Buttrey
Mary Carter
Stan Mikotowicz
Mark Hayes

Brian and Curry presented Ms. Frierson with a Certificate of Appreciation for the audit she conducted on the chapter's books for year ending December 31, 2007. She also had audited the 2005 books.

Kim Hopkins introduced George Street, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Tennessee Department of Military, who gave a presentation on the history and work of the Department of Military and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Minutes from the February and March meetings, which had been distributed by e-mail, were approved by voice vote.

The Treasurer's report for January through April, 2008, which had also been distributed by e-mail, was also approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Kim Hopkins announced that May's meeting did not have a speaker but we would be networking.

Professional Development: Darin Anderson reported for Sheila Douglas that the class last week made \$565.92 after expenses and that NES mailed the training material back to NIGP at no charge to the chapter. Brian thanked both NES and Debra Corbitt for their generosity.

TAPP Conference: Paula Cole reported that the Spring TAPP Conference had 24 attendees and the fall conference would be the 1st week of November in Pigeon Forge.

Membership: Stephen Yates reported on the progress of contacting governmental agencies not represented in the current membership of the chapter. Greg Polak is heading up the project, and he has written an introductory letter to be mailed out to prospective members.

Treasurer: Sondra Howe reported that the chapter had 61 paid member. Those who have not paid would be getting an invoice.

Purchasing Month: Angie McDonald gave a re-cap of Purchasing month celebration. She was pleased with the attendance and the event was great. The plaque honoring Mr. Whitson (Purchasing Month's Speaker) was hanging in Purchasing Training Room. Brian thanked Angie and Kim for planning the Purchasing Month celebration.

Buyer and Manager of the Year: Angie McDonald will be working on submitting the application to NIGP to nominate members for this award.

501(c)(3) Status. Curry Corder has agreed to help in the chapter pursuit of this non-profit designation. He reported:

The Chapter has obtained an EIN #

He was working with NIGP legal counsel (at no charge to the chapter) and they have reviewed the chapter Constitution and By-laws and that they needed some up-dating to come under NIGP 501(c)(3) umbrella.

Brian announced that a Constitution and By-laws committee would be formed with Kim Hopkins as chairperson to review the NIGP suggestions and recommend revisions to the chapter Constitution and By-laws.

Announcements:

Next month's chapter meeting is planned to include discussion of the audit of last year's books, the budget for the current year, and the changes to the chapter Constitution and By-laws recommended by NIGP legal counsel, as well as possible other changes being proposed at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hackett, Secretary