

Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association

March 19, 2009



The March meeting began with a “create a word” game led by Angie as the membership celebrated March as Purchasing Professional month. President Brian Wilcox called the business meeting to order at 12:10. The meeting began with Brian thanking Angie for the word game and also for the Purchasing month buttons for each member. Brian read a proclamation from Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee. Brian also thanked the Governor and his office for proclaiming March as purchasing professional month. Brian then asked if there were any first time visitors or guests other than the speaker. There were none.

Sondra Howe introduced the March guest speaker, Michael Perry, Assistant Commissioner, Tennessee Department of General Services. Mr. Perry was a charter member of MTPPA. In 2006 he was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner for General Services for the State of TN. His prior sixteen years in purchasing for the State included Director of Postal Services in General Services at the State of TN. Mr. Perry currently serves as the legislative liaison for the Department of General Services. His presentation included information regarding the steps a bill takes to become law. His presentation also reviewed current proposed legislation regarding purchasing.

Following the program, Brian began the regular business meeting by requesting approval of the February 19 chapter meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Angie McDonald and seconded by Paula Cole. Motion was approved.

Brian then asked for approval of the Treasurer’s Report dated March 10 as submitted. The treasurer’s report was approved with a motion by Angie McDonald and seconded by Paula Cole.

Officer Reports were requested and are as follows:

VP of Programs: David Friedlander not present
Professional Development: Amanda Cochran announced that the NIGP Class for March was held. The class was the “Fundamentals of Leadership and

Management". Eleven people attended. There will also be an upcoming fall class. Let Amanda know if you have a suggested topic you would like to see covered for this class.

Membership:

Ken Hackett was not present.

Secretary:

Casandra Swan had nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Sondra Howe requested everyone to pay their dues. She reminded us that NIGP allows MTPPA a chapter savings regarding the annual chapter assessment for all MTPPA members that are also NIGP members.

Committee Chairs Reports were requested and are as follows:

Purchasing Month Chair/ Webmaster/Photographer:

Angie McDonald forwarded the prize to Brian for today's word game. Stan Melton created the most words from the phrase "Procurement and Supply Management" and was the winner of a gift card to Barnes and Nobles which was presented by Brian..

Audit Committee Chair:

Curry Corder was not present.

Nominating Committee:

Stan Melton had no report.

Special Events Committee:

Helen Crowley was not present.

Other or old business to be addressed included:

Brain announced that Ken Hackett will resign as VP of Membership. Brian has requested that the nomination committee discuss suggestions to fill this position and present to membership for vote. MTPPA wishes Ken the best!

Brian went on to announce that Terry Griffith with Metro Purchasing had lost a relative and the chapter wished to express its sympathy for this family.

David Friedlander was also not present due to a family member's death. MTPPA membership wishes to express sympathy to his family.

Please contact Brian for addresses regarding Ken Hackett, Terry Griffith or David Friedlander.

Brain announced the National Association of Purchasing Card Professionals Purchasing Card Conference will be held at the Opryland Hotel on April 19 through April 22, 2009. If anyone is interested in attending please contact him.

Brian adjourned the meeting at 12:50.

The last ten minutes of the meeting were for discussion and networking.

Respectfully submitted,

Casandra Swan, CPPB
MTPPA Secretary