

Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association

May 21, 2009



President Brian Wilcox called the chapter meeting to order at 12:00. Brian gave a special thanks to chapter members Bob Watkins and Curry Corder of Metro Nashville Public Schools for arranging our meeting site today at the MNPS Board of Education, 2610 Bransford Ave. Brian asked if there were any first time visitors or guests other than the speaker.

Deborah Corbitt, CPPO was recognized for her upcoming retirement and her contribution to MTPPA's organization over the years. She reminisced about the long days the MTPPA group spent volunteering at the Titan's games to raise money to host the NIGP forum in Nashville as well as many other duties contributed over the years for the association. Brian expressed appreciation on behalf of the chapter for Deborah's service to the chapter, for her commitment to both the chapter's well-being and professional development in her vantage point at NES, and for her friendship and graciousness to all she encountered in her career.

David Friedlander introduced the May guest speaker, Emily Evans, Councilperson for Metro's 23rd District. Ms. Evans discussed bonds as she previously was employed in the municipal bonds sector in New York. She also discussed the upcoming Convention center proposal as well as the Davidson County Storm Water fees.

Following the program, Brian began the regular business meeting by requesting approval of the April 16 chapter meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Jeff Gossage and seconded by Rita James. Motion was approved.

Brian then asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report dated May 19, 2009 as submitted. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Stan Melton and seconded by Beth Dooley.

Officer Reports were requested and are as follows:

VP of Programs:

David Friedlander no report

Professional Development: Amanda Cochran asked for ideas to be e-mailed to her for upcoming fall classes.
Membership: vacant
Secretary: Casandra Swan no report.
Treasurer: Sondra Howe reminded everyone that dues are due! She asked for suggestions on how to encourage membership. The 2009 revised proposed budget for the chapter was reviewed in detail and discussed. The board is to consider approving the 2009 budget; however members may certainly comment and offer suggestions for improvement.

Brain reminded the chapter that registration deadlines were approaching for NIGP the conference.

Committee Chairs Reports were requested and are as follows:

Purchasing Month Chair/ Webmaster/Photographer: Angie McDonald no report
Audit Committee Chair: Curry Corder no report.
Nominating Committee: Stan Melton asked if anyone was interested in nominating someone for the VP of Membership vacancy. The members were to e-mail him with ideas.
Special Events Committee: Helen Crowley no report.

Other or old business to be addressed included:

Shelia Douglas announced that the deadline for certified agency was June 1st. The fully certified agencies are to be recognized at the NIGP annual forum.

Curry Corder announced that the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status for MTPPA is finalized. MTPPA is officially an tax exempt non-profit organization. Brian thanked Curry and his team for their hard work on this project.

Brian reminded the chapter that the fall TAPP conference is scheduled for 10/28-30/2009 at the Music Road Hotel in Pigeon Forge. Beth Dooley stated that the next UPPCC exam conflicts with these same dates and to plan accordingly.

Sandra Howe noted that Mike Hayes had just retired and had joined the group today to celebrate Deborah's retirement.

Brian adjourned the meeting at 1:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Casandra Swan, CPPB
MTPPA Secretary