

TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
Second Quarter
October 9, 2010

In attendance:

Archie Daily-State President
Robert Tripp-State Vice President

Dave Taylor- State Treasure
Gaila Campbell-State Secretary

Chapter 1- President Roger Wittler
Chapter 2- President Eldon Jones
Chapter 3- Not Present
Chapter 4- Not Present
Chapter 5- President Duane Kliethermes
Chapter 6- President Nicole Kreisel
Chapter 7- President Dee Dee Powell
Chapter 8- President Shawn Nigles
Chapter 9- Not present
Chapter 10 Election pending

Vice President-Jason Sacy

Vice President-Craig Trotter

Legislative Report: Lobbyist Harry Hill and Mike Michelson were present to bring us information concerning the new change of legislators. Due to term limits there will be 68-70 new legislators after the election. One third of the House and Senate will change, and Harry will be introducing himself to each of the incoming legislators. He encourages each of us to introduce ourselves to the legislators in our home areas, and inquire about their interest with state employees benefit issues, and help work with T.E.A.M.

Harry, Mike Michelson, and Archie visited with the Head of Joint Committee on employee retirement, and she stated that there would be refinements made in the new bills, and existing laws that were passed in the summer. Harry will be keeping up with information concerning retirement, holidays, having input on the future agenda, and returning the information received back to T.E.A.M. The Governor was really pushing the bill that would take away at least two holidays, Truman's birthday, and Lincoln's birthday, and Harry think this bill will pass. Employee issues that Susie Dahol mentioned at our previous meeting that there may be legislation in introduced that would change existing employee benefits. Many people think it is unconstitutional, and illegal because we have a contract with existing employees that would be that could be thrown out of court because of the contracts. Other states are trying to do this also. Due to economic conditions plans are changing, and the new legislation will move the age for retirement to 68. We must keep our guard up and watch for this type of projected change. Harry will keep in touch with his newsletter. and he will stay in touch with our State President Archie Daily to help keep us informed.

The State Capitol Commission was created by law ten years ago, and members are appointed by the Governor. The Commission members are none paid. Harry Hill has previously expressed interest in being a member of the Commission, as Harry's great grandfather helped with building the Capitol. The Capitol Commission has the responsibility of monitoring the grounds around the Capitol, and any projects that might be involved. In September veto session Harry asked to be

put on the agenda to inquire about the Fallen Worker Memorial, and see what the general consensus is for the construction of the memorial. Wayne Good from the St. Louis area, is a former member of the House, and is a member of the Capitol Commission, and Wayne contacted Harry Hill about the construction of the memorial. The commission liked the memorial, but they wanted the size of the memorial modified to fit the location. The commission has sent us information via e-mail about the correct proportions for the memorial. Harry called a representative of the Office of Administration Facilities Management to receive a copy of the map of Capitol Grounds, and there was no location designated for the Memorial. Kathy Brown suggested Harry call her with ideas, and suggestion for the Memorial Rich Abasham, who is representative of the Legislative Office said "let's get a move on for the memorial."

Questions were directed to Harry from T.E.A.M. about retirement, benefits, and memorial concerns. Harry will get us a list of the legislators that will be appointed to committees, and the agenda they will be involved with.

Meeting called to order by President Archie Daily 9:15 a.m. Archie welcomed everyone, and each individual introduced themselves, and the Chapter they represent.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes were submitted for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report were submitted, discussed. and motion was made, seconded and carried for approval.

Chapter Reports:

Chapter 1: 196 members, two members have retired, \$2800.00 in Savings, and \$1700.00 in checking, \$23,000.00 in Needy Family Fund. A person from our area passed away, and left money to the Needy Family Fund. The Work Life Center is allowed to use the computers, and we are thinking about transferring the money to the Work Life Center. This would create opportunity for the Work Life Center to promote fun for families.

Chapter 2: 257 members, \$5600.00.00 in checking, and savings. The first of October the Chapter lost 3 Credit Union employee members, and one retired. We sent new representatives questions to get an idea on how they felt about benefits, and employee questions. We did not get a very good response, but we hope we will get information as the representative begin their terms. The Marshal Construction are having a Columbus Day Golf Tournament. and the proceeds will be shared between the District Employee Fund, and the Fallen Worker Memorial. Last year the split was \$800.00 for each group. The highest money received was previously was \$2500.00.

Chapter 3: Not present

Chapter 4: Not present

Chapter 5: 421 members, \$308.00in checking, \$11428.45 savings, \$3620.85 in CD's. Since January our chapter has lost 20 members, of which 19 of these were retirements, and one withdrawal, and we did respond to the withdrawal member, but with no response received back from the withdrawal. Our district has started preparing publication of cookbooks that will benefit the Memorial Fund, and Cindy Kremer is leading the project. Our chapter is concerned about getting new members.

Chapter 6: 10 new members, 111 members. Chapter President Nicole Kriesel represented T.E.A.M at the new member orientation in September. Checking, and savings account has \$975.00. The chapter had their first General Meeting, and we returned information to members that we received from our statewide meeting. Jim Feeney, who has walked the Katy Trail for the Fallen Worker Memorial fund was present, and our chapter pledged \$1.00 per mile. Jim Spoke to us about his project, and our chapter will give an update at the next T.E.A.M. statewide meeting. Our Chapter is planning a car show at the end of October for the Fallen Worker Memorial. Chapter 6 is extending an invitation to all chapters, and members to come out and participate. Chapter Six will be sending out flyers by e-mail about the Car Show. State Chapter President Archie shared information from the New Tribune about Jim Feeny's Walk, which raised \$900.00 for the Memorial. We commend Jim and Theo Feeney for their dedication to such a worthy project. Archie and Chris Daily were present for the beginning of the walk.

Chapter 7: 328 members, \$2386.40 in checking, \$1005.68 in checking, one new member joined, and 3 retirements. We are discussing ideas for a fund raiser.

Chapter 8: 372 members, 3 retirees, \$10933.00in checking, 6 people present for statewide meeting today, of which 3 are delegates, Kris Sandgren, Bill Stranghoner, and Jerry Rolland.

Chapter 9: Not present

Chapter 10: 262 members, and \$6636.51in checking. We are preparing for our election. Chris Driskill in running for Chapter President, and Ada Farr is running for Vice President,

Old Business: Discussion was opened about the Credit Union, and holiday changes, and maintaining the benefits we currently have. Credit Unions may remain in the same location until December 2012. District 2 Credit Union opted to relocate in two weeks. The Credit Unions can only hire if they are out of MoDot Facilities. The Credit unions can make investments from anyone now, not just from MoDot employees. The Credit Union can select what agencies they will do business with. By expanding the membership to outside of MoDot there can be candidates for Board Members. Other Districts are also looking at relocating outside of MoDot buildings. Some of MoDot Right-of-Way managers may be able to help with information about partials of Right-of-Way that may be available for Credit Union to purchase for their new locations. Discussion was opened about the possibility of exchanging holidays for personnel business days. Overtime is still being discussed, and how the budget is affected by the additional hours worked.

New Business: In our previous meeting Retiree Representative Duke Wrisinger mentioned honorary membership for Credit Union Employees. Decision was made, and agreed upon that each CU employee would receive a Gold card, and the District Chapter would decide the gift that they would give their CU Staff . State Treasurer Todd Tyler had made a motion to accept the decision for the Gold card in the previous meeting. Archie will get gold cards to the chapters that request them.

The Capitol Commission has voiced concerns about the design of the Fallen Worker Memorial. The Commission does not feel that the Memorial blends in with the existing memorials. Archie will be in contact with Wommack Memorial Co. to see about altering the size, and design enough to satisfy the request of the Capitol Commission.. The changes reflect compromise, and T.E.A.M. hopes this will demonstrate our willingness to work with the Capitol Commission.

There was three locations originally looked at for the Memorial, but all the locations have been ruled out by the Commission. There is another area behind the parking lot on the south side of the MoDot building, which is located on the west side of the High Street, and Jefferson. The State officers looked at the location, and decided the area would be highly visible for the memorial.

President Archie encouraged all T.E.A.M. State officers to visit with their district chapters, and have funds that have been raised for the memorial sent to State Treasurer Dave Taylor to insure proper accounting.

District 5 President Duane Kliethermes brought up the question that if the funds exceeded the required amount to construct the memorial, could there be a scholarship fund established? The idea for the scholarships was met with enthusiasm by the members. Archie had inquired with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, which is an organization that receives contributions and the money they receive is held for 6 months without charge. If it is not dispersed within the 6 months CFO charges $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% to handle the funds. The CFO is involved, and there is contributions received for the memorial fund they would be tax deductible for the contributors. We will discuss this idea at our next meeting.

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