

## 9-1-1 Public Educators of Texas



*1st Quarter Meeting  
Friday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10:00 am*

The following people were in attendance:

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Call to Order: 10:05 am

- **Welcome** – Amber Barber
- **Approval of minutes from Oct 7, 2024, Meeting**
  - **Charlesetta Malone** motioned to approve 4<sup>th</sup> quarter minutes, seconded by **Pattie Hannon**.
  - All Approved, Motion Carried.
- **Treasurer report** – Leticia Truex
  - Presentation of balance by Leticia Truex, balance **\$3,027.20**. \$820 deposit coming from TNT for the July lunch reimbursement.
  
- **Legislative Updates- NA**
  
- **NENA Update-NA**
  
- **Update from Committee Chairs**
  - Resource Committee- Kim- Michael and I are about halfway through updating the newcomers guide and then will start working on the calendar. April and Alissa volunteered to help with the committee.
  - Mentoring Committee- Leticia- please reach out if you need any help or have questions.
  - Telecommunicator Recognition- Leticia- please send any nominations for public educator of the quarter. So far there are none.

- **Old Business**

- **Telco Tips Sheet Committee update-** Nikki Newton

- Discussed needing volunteers to help with keeping the sheet updated.

- The Telco Tipsheet is done with an executive summary which will be put on the website as a downloadable resource.

- **Revamping Public Education Academy-** Nikki Newton

- Volunteers to help will be Leticia, Pattie, And Alissa.

- **Resources for website**

- We are working on putting together a calendar of items to discuss each month. We will add it to our resources. Everyone can use it as a networking tool.

- We need to decide what kind of presenters to have at future meetings. Some ideas are Pulse Point, Revive, Patti Davis to talk about the foundation of PETS, CANVA, the Pub-Ed Academy items, Joe Serio webinar maybe, public speaking, wellness, Halcyon.

- **New Business**

- **Updates for Bylaws**

- Update Article IV Section B- Election terms and vacancies. We want to add something to state that if you cannot perform your duties, then you will step down. You will need to reach out to other committee board members as soon as possible. You have to commit to attend at least 2 out of the 4 meetings during the year.

- We want to come up with an approval form to use for new committee members and for conference attendees. This will help them be able to give their agency something to show what they will actually be doing and needing time off for.

- Membership responsibility approval form and voting rights. We want to keep voting rights to PET members only.

- There was a motion made by **Becky Cooley** and seconded by **April Irlbeck** to approve changing the bylaws as discussed at the next meeting.

- **Updating website:**

- We want everyone to send us pictures of what you are doing in your community for the website. Also share to the Facebook page.

- **PET's goals for 2025**

- A goal is to have at least 50 new members this year.

- Another goal is to be united and share stuff across the state.

- Thoughts of coming up with a quarterly social media campaign to focus on something that we could push out across the state. People would contribute what they want to talk about that

quarter. Everyone would use the same visuals and wording. Each meeting we would discuss what the focus would be.

Focus on the Cause group volunteers: Nikki, Amber, Leticia, Jackie, Becky and April.

### **Changing the date for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting from 7/22 to 7/15**

The meeting will be moved up one week due to other things going on that week. It will be the week before. The new date is July 15<sup>th</sup> in Amarillo.

### **Conference update/Conference Booth Committee**

In McAllen TX April 2-6. April 2<sup>nd</sup> is when we need to do setup and vendor hall opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> it closes and tear down is at 1:00.

A signup sheet will be going out to TNT and PET to run the booth. We will work together like we have in the past years.

It was decided to come up with a palm tree theme to decorate.

Laura will bring Cell-phone Sally and Leticia will bring the stand.

There were different ideas about a raffle giveaway. I Robot, Espresso machine, icemaker and projector. It was decided to get the icemaker.

Discussed that PET will try and sell t-shirts either before or during the conference to raise money for a conference scholarship. They can be sold online as well.

It was discussed to start offering to pay the people to come speak at our meetings. A cost of \$100 per meeting for an hour of their time to speak. They can be in person or on zoom. Alex Sheen was suggested who does "Because I said I would".

- **Share Time**

Amber- Christmas bought blankets on black Friday for \$2 and had a local lady embroider them. At Christmas time we drew names and bought some blank canvases and paints. We then had to paint whose name we drew. Did this Christmas Eve and Day.

Heard of ROTHIDtag.com. They put emergency information on stickers on car seats in case of emergency. There is also a tag to put on the car, so the first responders know.

Tish- got the new Sally in time for the Christmas parade. Gave long sleeve shirts. Working on the 9-1-1 school program. Go to schools all day. Going to order cell phone Sally straw toppers. Want to get zipper pulls also. Steelberry does them. Also got a new cargo van with customized shelves.

Laura- Christmas gave notepads, gift box with thermos & mug etc., gave them laser-engraved cups which is 3 in one. Holds cans, bottles and use as a mug. Also doing pub Ed items.

Alissa- Pub Ed is taking off and in schools more now. We have a safety superhero squad.

Someone is nominated in the region each month for going above and beyond and receive a Stanley cup.

Pattie- Christmas did t-shirts and for TC week they are getting tumblers.

Charlesetta- Kim has been very busy meeting with different groups.

Jackie?- TC doing popcorn maker with bucket, speakers for phones and eating trays and snuggles.

Mandi- doing embroidered sweaters.

Pam- Doing picnic cooler bags, large that holds silverware, salt & pepper shakers, etc. Large and durable. Only \$38. It is two-temp bag from Crestline. The vendor information was emailed.

April- Christmas we did games and did foam gingerbread and trees to decorate.

Michael- we are working on Facebook reels for social media. Work with Tish going to the schools. Safety town coming up in a couple months.

Nikki- lots going on. Main focus recently is partnering with Rapid deploy to do an art competition for national First Responders Day. The winner's artwork will be painted as a mural in their city downtown. The goal is to have murals in all of the counties and is a long-term project. For Christmas we gave out beanies. Doing sweatshirts/hoodies for TC week.

Other items that were given and suggested were umbrellas, protein coffees and shakers, coloring and drawing books, backpacks, Plinko tabletop game, spinners

We want to get back to acknowledging a public educator of the quarter. There is a section on the website where you can nominate someone. They will receive a certificate.

- **Adjourn** – Motion made by **Joe Garcia** and seconded by **Leticia Truex** to Adjourn.  
Adjourned at 2-15 pm.