

LOUISIANA NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2020
LAFAYETTE, LA

Vice President Tyrell Morris called the meeting to order. The prayer and pledge was led by Richard McGuire.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financial

Linda Lavergne reported that the current membership is 221 and prior membership was approximately 150. NENA's checking account balance is \$32,270.10.

Minutes

On a motion made by Deborah Hopkins, seconded by Claude Flot the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business

Committee Reports: Louisiana Next Generation 9-1-1 Sub-Committee

Richard McGuire reported that the Next Generation 911 Sub-Committee is continuing to draft a plan for transitioning to Next Generation 911. Mr. McGuire advised that a draft of the plan will be presented to the membership at the April chapter meeting.

Committee Reports: Symposium Committee

Linda Lavergne reported that the 2020 Louisiana APCO/NENA Symposium will be held April 6th – 8th in Marksville at the Paragon Casino Resort. Ms. Lavergne informed members that the Symposium Committee is in the process of selecting speakers for the Symposium and once selected an agenda will be sent out to all members.

Ms. Lavergne advised members that Tehseae Batiste with the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office was chosen as the winner of the t-shirt contest and will receive free registration to the Symposium. Ms. Lavergne then informed members a post conference course, Active Shooter will be offered this year. Ms. Lavergne also asked that if anyone has any other training ideas to contact any member of the Symposium Committee. Discussion followed.

OnStar Emergency Services Update

Sherry Leveque, Emergency Services Outreach Leader with OnStar spoke to members about a new app OnStar will be launching which detects vehicle crashes. Ms. Leveque advised that once a crash has been detected, the person would be connected with a representative at the OnStar Call Center who will then contact the appropriate 911 Call Center to inform them of the crash. Ms. Leveque informed members that more information about the new app and ongoing training can be found in their Public Safety newsletter which you can sign up to receive on their website. Discussion followed.

Other Business

A motion was made by Richard McGuire, seconded by Tracey Hilburn to renew the consulting agreement with Tommy E. Williams and Associates for the 2020 Louisiana Legislative session for a fee of \$5,000. The Louisiana Chapter of APCO and the Louisiana Chapter of NENA will split the cost 50/50. It was unanimously approved.

Tyrell Morris informed members that the Rave School Safety Summit will be held Tuesday, January 28th in New Orleans for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Rave Panic Button.

Anthony Summers advised members that he currently serves on the NENA National Membership Committee and spoke to members about the Chapter Challenge for 2020. Mr. Summers advised that once more information about the Chapter Challenge is available, he will let members know.

A brief discussion was held amongst members about the 911 Saves Act. Richard McGuire informed members he has recently spoke with Louisiana State Police about their efforts to draft legislation for the State of Louisiana to have dispatchers classified as Public Safety Responders. Mr. McGuire advised that once he receives the draft it will be forwarded to all members for their review. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Richard McGuire to adjourn, seconded by Linda Lavergne and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.