

## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Location: Salem, Almost Home  
Meeting Called to Order: 10:30 AM  
Members: Chris Ellison, Carl Salstrom, Tom Saddler, Cindy Moran, Cindy Sim, Michael Shields, Denice Blake, Michael Burton, Shawn Choruby, Barbie Gandee, Pat Green, Matt Kutcher, Deborah Maskel, Janet Mauldin, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Robine Splonski, Dan Wood, Dan Wrede, Mike Severyn, Kris Freeman, Tracy Kindle, Josh Wilcox

Previous Minutes: Accepted as reported

Financial Report: Accepted as reported – Workshop revised budget

### ***Committee Reports***

- State Board: Next meeting is April 17<sup>t</sup>, so no report. The summer workshop in Eugene has been shortened by one day to save money. It will run Mon-Wed. This saved between 6 or 7 thousand dollars. Valley River let us shorten the time, it helps that we are booked their next 2 years.
- Poster Contest: We have received 27 posters this year, with one week to go. Last year we had 800, the year before 400. The fliers were sent out the same way as last year but it seems something went wrong. Carl reported that he will look into this but is disappointed in the outcome.
- Safety Exercise: The safety exercise will be at the Volcano Stadium. The agenda is ready and all the locations of the course and testing are set. Tents are on order if it rains but can be canceled within 72 hours if not needed. Western is supplying the trophies' and Brattain the hats. Thank you to these companies.
- Sunshine: Mike Shields lost his brother, our condolences and prayers are with you.  
Paula Adams from Beaverton found out her husband has cancer, our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.
- Education: Nothing at this time
- Winter Workshop: Appreciation awards were given by Chris. Good job on the Winter Workshop. We had great press, it went national and on the STN School Transportation News. It also went to the Fire Dept News.

The budget was handed out. As of right now we are up \$5923.72. The final cost of the video production has not been sent to us yet. The estimated amount is \$4500, so we are looking to be in the black.

The final video production will be used for 2 hours of classroom credit.

The Albany Fire Dept still has the bus for practice. The title will be donated to them.

The practice they had done ahead of time on the 1976 bus was much easier to get into than the 1987 Wayne.

Chris asked "Where do we go from here?" Every year we get bigger. Do we want to do another video? Terrorist? Student management?

Tom- Student management but go smaller scale this year. Basic training, financially we are not sure what will happen. Then go bigger the following year.

Carl- Possibly do a skit of some kind with students. Have it a smaller scale but still a draw for participation.

Matt- Pre-trip basic but still make it interesting.

NW Chapter also provides training in August for basic skills. They have multiple days complimenting each other. They learn CORE, CORE Refresher, and First Aid.

We will talk more on this at the next meeting.

Membership: Still at 106

Old Business: Grants – Federal stimulus money- there is a grant that you can apply for that will pay 50% to replace or retrofit dirty diesels. You must replace not add to the fleet. All the dirty busses will have to be put out of commission. The deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup> so act fast if you are interested.

Senate Bill 6:10 will help also, you will end up with money in your pocket. They pay 70% depreciation off the price of the bus. We will have to have some damage control with the press, it will not look good to have all these new busses on the lot with the deficit the way it is.

New Business: Deborah reported on product sales. Doing great, we made \$1600 at the WW. A new product just came in they are called "Holy Bears" they will bring in \$5 each. Very cute should sell well. There were some OPTA pins that have not sold; Carl said he could use them at the safety exercise to give to the award winners.

***For the Good-of-the-Order***

Nominations:

President: Chris Ellison  
Vice-President: Carl Solstrom  
Secretary: Cindy Moran  
Chapter Rep.: Marty Hopper

Voting will be next month in Bend at Boston's.

Future Meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>
October 14, Tuesday	Pioneer Villa, Brownsville	General Housekeeping; set Drivers' Winter Workshop date & location; set Safety Exercise date & location
November 12, Tuesday	Almost Home, Salem	State of the State's Pupil Transportation
December 9, Tuesday	Olive Garden, Eugene	TBD
January 15, Thursday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	Winter Workshop
February 10, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany	TBD
March 13, Friday	Izzies, Newport	Safety Exercise
April 14, Tuesday	Almost Home, Salem	Nominate New Officers
May 15, Friday	Boston's, Bend	Elect Officers
June 23, Tuesday	Valley River Inn, Eugene	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 am

Next Meeting Date: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Valley River Center