



South Willamette Chapter

Date: May 15th 2009

Location: Bend, Boston's Pizza

Meeting Called to Order: 11:00 am

Members: Chris Ellison, Carl Salstrom, Tom Saddler, Cindy Moran, Denice Blake, Michael Shields, Kay Saddler, Robine Splonski, Tina Perez, Bruce Victorine, Shawn Choruby, Dottie Clark, Diane Clinkscapes, Barbie Gandee, Karen Karpstein, Sue McAdam, Tim O'Connell, Vurlee Nab-Alexander

Previous Minutes: Accepted as Written

Financial Report: Accepted as reported

Committee Reports

State Board: OPTA summer workshop schedule is on the OPTA website. It has been reduced to three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The theme is "Transporting Oregon's Future". Greater Albany has sent in the application for the EPA grant, 10 districts are piggy backing, we are hopeful for it to be granted. State Safety exercise is May 30th in Redmond. It will be at the old Wal-Mart. State OPTA has provided special rates at the Super 8 Motel, it is next door to the event. If you are going to want a room call soon they are filling up quick.

Poster Contest: "Cross in View it's the Right Thing to Do" Carl reported that he received 117 posters. Unfortunately only 87 could be used, the theme was hard for the kids to write correctly. Because of the heavy rain they were unable to put out the posters at the Safety exercise so we voted on the top 3 at the OPTA meeting in Bend. As always they were very good and fun to judge. The top 3 winners for each category will be taken to OPTA conference in Eugene for final judging.

Safety Exercise: The event went great. The Volcano Stadium was a great location, lots of room. A big thank you to Carl Salstrom for all his work, he did an awesome job. A good round table on how the Safety exercise can be made easier on the head judge. Carl Salstrom as the head judge had too many things put on his shoulders. The chairman needs to do more in terms of the details. Responsibilities need to be made clear. Next year we will need to have a distinct chairman that oversees what needs to be done. Then a committee will be formed to do certain tasks. This will help with consistency on events. Chris asked that we consider paying for a room in Redmond for the group in Sweet Home that handles the trinket sales. It is a long drive for them to have it set up by the start of the event. A discussion ensued and Carl motioned we vote that we supply one room with a limit of \$75 this year only. Denice second it. It passed with 15 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained. Budget on the safety exercise was passed out. We are in the red for \$-1410.23. This does not reflect the reimbursements we will be receiving from the cost of trophies, printing, water, batteries.

Sunshine: Deborah Maskal’s husband is in the hospital. Vurlee will be sending a card to her.

Education: Michael Shields reported that the Salem Dist. would like to have a once a month training on different subjects. For example Computer, customer service, routing. These would be open to other districts. It would be a good opportunity to share knowledge.
July 2nd training, at Catlin Gables in Portland OR.

Winter Workshop: Nothing at this time.

Membership: We are still at 106 members.

Old Business: Nominations for Officers.
Chapter Representative – Marty Hopper/ no other nominations, Tom Saddler proposed that Marty is declared Chapter Representative by acclamation. Chris asks for a vote. Vote was unanimous in favor.
Secretary – Cindy Moran / no other nominations, Tom Saddler proposed that Cindy is declared Secretary by acclimation. Chris called for a vote. Vote was unanimous in favor.
Vice President – Carl Salstrom / no other nominations, Tom Saddler proposed that Carl is declared Vice President by acclimation. Chris called for a vote. Vote was unanimous in favor.
President – Chris Ellison / no other nominations, Tom Saddler proposed that Chris is declared President by acclimation. Carl called for a vote. Voted was unanimous in favor.

New Business: Salem Transportation Dept. has three openings at their location.
Field Coordinator, Secretary – 6.5 hours, and a Mechanic
They are posted on their website, or contact Michael Shields.
Would the members like to change the meeting location from Pioneer Villa in Brownsville to the Cascade Grill in Albany? This was well received.

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

Date	Location	Topic
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 Pizza, Bend	Elect Officers
June 23, Tuesday	Valley River Inn, Eugene	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 pm by Chris Ellison

Next Meeting Date: June 23rd

Next Meeting Location: Valley River Inn, Eugene