

OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
A non-profit organization



South Willamette Chapter

Date: December 14, 2010

Location: Cascade Grill, Albany OR

Meeting Called to Order: Chris Ellison, 11:05 am

Members: Chris Ellison, Maggi Estes, Cindy Moran, Shawn Choruby, Steven Huillet, Susan Hunt, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Brenda Richardson, Cindy Sim, Wilber Starr, Lisa Williams, Dan Wood, Larry Wren

Previous Minutes: Approved With one correction; so moved by Vurlee, 2nd by Deborah.

Financial Report: Balance as of 11/4/10 \$17,834.71
Total inflows - \$ 2546.85
Total outflows - \$ 579.52
Balance 12/13/2010 \$19,802.04

Committee Reports

State Board: Nothing at this time – Next State board meeting is January 2nd, 2011

Poster Contest: Information will be going out to all the schools soon.

Safety Exercise: May 14th, 2011 is penciled in. David Farley has been busy looking for places for the safety exercise. The Springfield Armory has asked for \$100 rental fee. He is still looking at the amount of space available. The other places: fairgrounds and churches have been very expensive.
Eugene; transits
Albany; conventional
Sweet Home; mini busses

Sunshine: A Sweet Home bus was in an accident last week. The husband and wife aged 92 and 84 both died. It was thought he was trying to get to the fire station because his wife was having a heart attack. Angela the driver of the bus was hurt but not too bad, pretty shook up.
Albany lost a driver recently. Diane Glender, she had double pneumonia and had been sick for a couple weeks.

Education: December 7th was the OPTA forum in Salem. Vurlee, Deborah and Wilber attended and gave us a report on it. They said it was very informative; there was a lot of sharing about buying and selling. The forms they use are great and they shared those also, thank you. Salem is very proud of their organization and has made a lot of strides in making an economical shop.
The next Forum is February 1st, 2011 we will discuss at the next meeting where and what subjects.
Albany is having First aid Jan. 13th and 14th 9:30 – 12:30 / CORE Jan. 28th 7-3
Vurlee is having CORE refresher Jan. 10th and Defensive driving, Coaching the bus driver Jan. 25th.

Winter Workshop: Saturday the 11th the video was shot. Chris reported being very excited about it. It was a great group of kids from West and South Albany High Schools. After adding everything up the total cost of the workshop and video production will be between \$18k and \$20k. The speakers will be Mike Martin the executive director of NAPT from New York, and Allen Bean from Kentucky.

You can fax the registration in and bring the check to the workshop.

Budget for trinket sales:

Guest Cathy Harrington from "Super Stitches" talked about the shirts she has been making for us and new designs to go with the theme of the workshop. The products she gave us last year sold extremely well. We will need to replace it for the next two events. The trinkets are also very low. After discussion of numbers and sales Maggie moved we give \$1000 for trinkets and \$3000 for shirts. Cindy Sim 2nd and all approved.

Deborah asked about what amount of moneys needed board approval, she had to buy a new mouse for the computer the other day. Chris felt that small expenses were okay, anything over \$100 needs to be approved. Maggie moved that this was to be the practice and Cindy Sim 2nd, all were in favor.

Membership: Deborah reported that we have received a lot of membership dues but will send out a reminder to those that have not registered yet.

Old Business: Nothing at this time

New Business: Steven Huillet; State of the State for Pupil Transportation
80% of the school districts are now imputing their training reports electronically. If you have people from other districts or send them to other districts to train, you put them in on your electronic report and the company they work for can have a paper roster for their records.
January 1st all third party tests will be in the electronic system. New testing forms will be sent out soon, all behind the wheel instructors will get the information also so they can train for the new test criteria.

*DASDEP conference went very well.

*We want more participation on the love your bus campaign.

*For drug testing the drug levels have all be cut in half, this will cause more positive tests. Designer drugs will be included in this. Alcohol levels will stay the same.

*Medical certification will be given only by trained and certified testers by The Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration.

*The new Safety Patrol Manual & Guidelines is on-line along with a power point presentation.

*Oregon had three national winners in the poster contest this year. 2 first place winners in different categories and one third place, this is very exciting. We are hoping this will be a great kick off to introduce this year's poster contest. The application packets will be going out very soon. We are looking to get it out to all the art classes too.

Funding:

Changing transportation was discussed. The good news is the transportation module was thrown out. Legislature will be coming back next month to look at how to make transportation more efficient.

- Remove all extracurricular activities from school funding / Ask for donations
- State wide routing systems
- Bus replacement fund is not being used correctly. Dollars need to be kept separately at ODE to be used for bus replacement only

Rules:

DMV timeline – school bus certificate no longer expires July 1. It will expire same day as medical certificate. 2014 No longer have a separate medical card.

2012 – New form / Medical form taken to DMV to put on your driver’s license, kept on record there.

Notifications will be sent out to keep you from being suspended. Don’t send anything in to DMV without the exportation date stamped on the left side off the form.

Moving violations:

January Public hearing / March state board for final approval

Forms in draft – lots of new additives:

- Disrupting a funeral procession
- No seat belt
- Tracking devices when required

By 2017 everything must comply with minimum closed particle emissions.

All busses 1994 and older will have to be gone, they cannot be retrofitted, the 1998 and newer will be the only busses that can be “school busses”.

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 12, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	General Housekeeping; set Drivers' Winter Workshop date & location; set Safety Exercise date & location
November 9, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	State of the State’s Pupil Transportation
December 14, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
January 11, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
February 8, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop/Safety Exercise
March 8, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Safety Exercise
April 12, Tuesday	Almost Home, Salem	Nominate New Officers
May 13, Friday	Bostons, Bend	Elect Officers
June 21, Tuesday	Valley River Inn, Eugene	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 pm

Next Meeting Date: January 11, 2011

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