

OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

A non-profit organization



South Willamette Chapter

Date: October 11, 2011
Location: Cascade Grill, Albany, OR
Meeting Called to Order: Chris Ellison, 11:00 am
Members Present: Carl Salstrom, Cindy Moran, Deborah Maskal, Denise Balch, Denise Blake, Mike Cook, Teresa Derochowski, L.D. Ellison, Maggi Estes, Kris Freeman, Patricia Green, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Craig Pruitt, David Schetky, Wilbur Starr, Dan Wood, Margaret Zuger

Previous Minutes: Approved

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$12,689.95
Income	\$ 234.00
Expenses	\$ 134.50
Ending Balance:	\$12,789.45

Committee Reports

State Board: The June 2012 OPTA Conference will be held in Bend at The Riverhouse Resort, and will be four days with a golf tournament on Monday. In 2013 the conference will be back at the Valley River Inn, in Eugene, and in 2014 it will be held in Bend again.

The State Board is currently reviewing the professional development agreement with NAPT which indicated in the fine print that if they send instructors to OPTA conferences at our locations they will charge per participant instead of a flat fee. The State Board is currently undecided as to what to do about this.

Poster Contest: The 11-12 theme is "Stand Back From the Yellow And Black." We are currently seeking a chair person for this committee.

Safety Exercise: Springfield School District has offered to host both the chapter and state safety exercises.

The equipment for the safety exercise will need to be built as soon as possible.

Sunshine: Vurlee Nab-Alexander has agreed to continue her service for the Sunshine Committee. A card will be sent to Kevin Baker, at 24J for his recent surgery.

Education: Carl will continue to hold the Best Practice Forums throughout the year. He has requested that members provide some subject and location ideas.

Sweethome has offered their location to host the first Best Practice Forum. LD suggested that Directors and Supervisors provide some insight on moving up within the transportation industry.

Winter Workshop: Chris is working on the training video from our last winter workshop (“Bullying: What are you going to do?”). He will work on this project until it is complete. We will need to purchase inserts and cases that could amount to up to apx. \$700.00. Chris will work with ODE to see what can be done to add time to the video so that ODE credit can be given. The thought is to add a piece to the training video that includes a resolution to the gun on the bus scenario (currently there are several different options).

Membership: Carl is seeking someone that would be willing to chair this committee. He would like to see an increase in membership from more districts in Southern Oregon.

Old Business: The Oregon Pupil Transportation Association South Willamette Valley Chapter Constitution and Bylaws edits have been made and presented to the board. These were voted on and the changes passed unanimously. These will take place immediately.

Officer Elections: The floor was open for nominations. Patricia Green withdrew from the Vice President election. Verlee nominated Patricia for the President position and this was seconded. Nominations moved to be closed; seconded; motion passed. Chris Ellison called for the vote; the results are as indicated:

President – Carl Salstrom
Vice President – Kevin Baker
Chapter Rep to the State Board – David Farley
Secretary – Kris Freeman

Some things from ODE: Barney the bus will be sent to surplus soon.

House Bill 2081: Relating to greenhouse gas emissions from trucking.

House Bill 3186: Relating to operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.507.

ODE is adding a position to their staff. This person will be primarily responsible for criminal background checks.

School buses are to stop at weigh stations when there is a sign posted at the station indicating “All Commercial Vehicles and Coach Operators”. This includes Type 20 buses when passenger capacity is over 16. Drivers are asked to state who they are, who they are carrying, and what their purpose is.

ODE has formed a committee (headed by TJ) that is currently re-writing most of their rules. Responses from the various districts have been helpful to this project and if you are interested in participating, contact TJ.

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
November 8, 2011 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	State of the State's Pupil Transportation
December 13, 2011 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
January 10, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
February 14, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop/Safety Exercise
February 25, 2012		SW OPTA Winter Workshop
March 13, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Safety Exercise
April 10, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Nominate New Officers
May 11, 2012 Friday	Bostons, Bend / 11:00 am	Elect Officers
June 20, 2012 Tuesday	The Riverhouse, Bend OR	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: Carl moved to adjourn the meeting, Denice second.

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