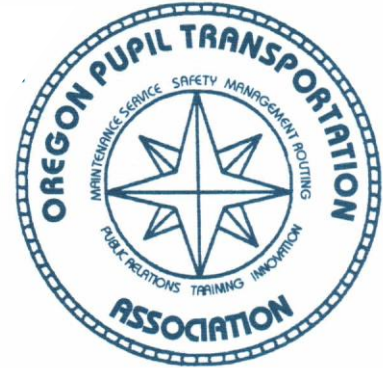


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Northwest Chapter Meeting Minutes December 20, 2007

President Lynnette O'Dell called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

Members present: Lynnette O'Dell, Oregon City SD; Mollie Blagg, Western Bus Sales; Mike Conley, Northside Ford; T.J. Crockett, NCSD; Janet Alley, NCSD; Jean Frazey, Beaverton; Kathy Houck, Reynolds SD; Robin Strand, PPSD; Sandy Van Baggen, PPSD; Keith Wright, PPSD; Debbie Lillison, Centennial SD; Ron Stewart, NCSD; and Kevin Baker, Salem-Keizer SD

Total attending: 13

Minutes taken by: Jean Frazey

November 2007 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Financial Report: No report

Committee Reports

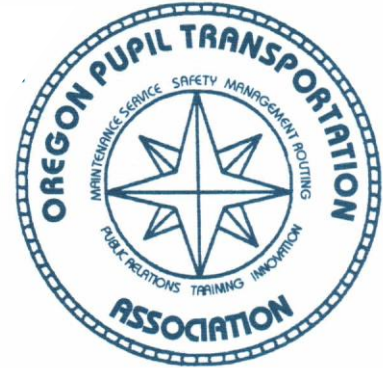
August Workshop: Lynette O'Dell reports that the workshop will be August 12 -15th, 2008. She is working on securing a location with Oregon City HS. Lynnette and Bill Mattes have an appointment to meet with school officials after the 1st of the year to go over needs for the workshop and to look at the HS.

A planning meeting is scheduled for January 29th at Oregon City Izzy's Pizza at 11 am. All are invited to help plan for the agenda of the 2008 workshop.

Education: Sandy Van Baggen

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- Reynolds SD will be having a First Aid Class on 1st Saturday of the month. For more information contact Janet Fellis at 503-492-4921.
- Beaverton 8 Hour CORE class on Jan. 28th from 7 - 3:00. Call Jean at 503-672-3721 for more information.
- Clackamas is having a CORE class. Call T.J. Crockett for more information.
- Salem-Keizer is having various classes throughout the winter break time. Call Kevin Baker at 503-399-3108 for more information

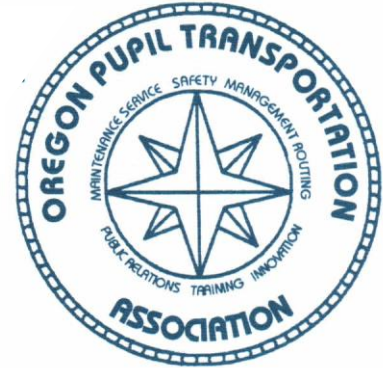
Membership: Kathy Houck reports of 47 paid members at this time. Please check the list posted at the end of these minutes, if your name is not listed please fill out an application (also attached) and send Kathy your dues immediately.

Poster Contest: T.J Crockett will be the chairperson. He will report next meeting.

Sunshine: No report

Winter Workshop: Jean reports that the workshop is March 19, 2008 from 8 am - noon with a lunch served from Noon - 1 pm at Courtyard by Marriott, 15686 SW Sequoia Parkway in Tigard. It is located off I-5 at exit 291.

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Speaker Topics include: Mentoring New Drivers, How to stop bullying on the bus, Work Ethics and Expectations. More information will be coming. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Portland Public will assist with the registration for the workshop again. Thank you.

Safety Exercise: T.J. Crockett reports that

South Willamette Chapter Safety Exercise is 5/3/08 held in Lebanon (River Center)

State exercise is tentatively planned for 6/7/08 in Redmond.

It was decided that NW Chapter exercise will be 5/17/08. Location is TBA.

It is hoped that Hood River might be interested. T.J. is contacting them to see if interested. Portland Public will assist T.J. with the exercise. Jean Frazey will order trophies. Western Bus will sponsor this years trophies, OPTA will pay for them and then bill Western Bus. Thank you to all that volunteered.

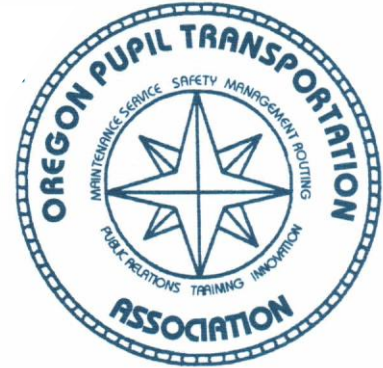
State Board: Lynnette O. reported that at the December 13 meeting

The Board discussed and is looking at gathering information to audit the performance of pupil transportation throughout the state. Information such as:

- Staff Ratios
- Cost per mile
- Cost per scheduled rider

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- Accidents per mile
- On-time performance
- Average number of miles traveled per bus
- Number of drivers per bus
- Student Management
- Length of bus ride
- Transportation cost vs Overall budget

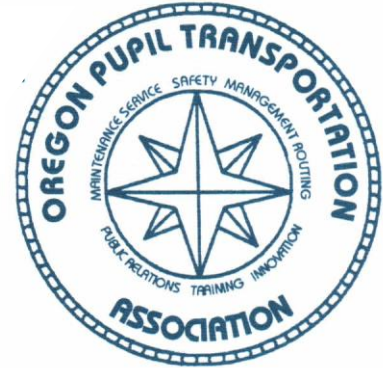
This information could share ideas and practices, show how districts differ from each other due to location/needs and ultimately work towards making pupil transportation more efficient. Once the information is gathered, it could be used by districts as a PR tool for letting parents know what their district is doing and how well it is doing with it's transportation budget.

The Board discussed about creating a paid position that would be linked to developing and maintaining information related to Performance Standards of pupil transportation in the state. A committee was assigned to make a list of possible tasks for the position. NW Chapter members are encouraged to email Lynnette O'Dell, T.J. Crockett or Kathy Houck with any suggestions for the position.

The board is reviewing the By-Laws to amend the term lengths of President, Past President, and President Elect. They are looking at increasing the term to two years. It was hoped that the chapters would follow suit if decided. A committee of 2 members from each chapter and the Board will make recommendations at the next meeting. T.J. Crockett and Keith Wright will be the delegates from the NW Chapter.

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T.J. reports that currently there is a NHSTA proposal for seat changes and seatbelts in school buses. The Board determined that the Association would send a statement regarding the funding so that the mandate includes funding for implementation.

Summer Conference: No Report

Old Business:

Lynnette has copies of Michael Shields notes from sessions he attended at the NAPT & NASDPTS conferences he reported on at last meeting. Contact Lynnette if anyone is interested in having a copy.

T.J. is looking for items for the next edition of the OPTA Newsletter. Deadline is January 5th.

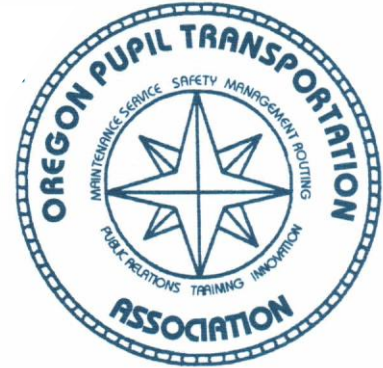
New Business:

Debbie Lillson shared that Centennial is in desperate need of a Journeymen Mechanic full time or part time temporarily. Their mechanic has been deployed to Iraq until August. If anyone knows of someone with diesel experience that would be interested in a temporary position please contact Charlie McAlister at Centennial 503-762-3674.

Guest Speaker

Ron Stewart of North Clackamas School District presented a very timely and great reminder on "How to defuse stress". He gave statistics on stress related illness and diseases and then gave review of stress management. Thank you Ron.

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Next meeting: Janet Alley will present ideas on "How to turn a complaint into a positive".

Do you have a 15 - 30 minute presentation on topic of interest to our group you would like to present? Do you have a topic you would like more information on? Contact Lynnette.

Round Table Discussion

Sponsored Meetings - There was a discussion about possibly moving the meeting location around if anyone was interested in sponsoring a meeting.

Western Bus Sales is once again going to sponsor the April 16th meeting at their location in Boring. They will provide lunch.

Anyone else interested in having a meeting contact Lynnette O'Dell.

Lynnette encourages all of the members to invite and promote OPTA to neighboring districts to come to our meetings.

Meeting adjourned 12:35 pm

Next Meeting: 11 am - January 16, 2008 at Village Inn, 17070 SW 72 in Tigard. Take I-5 to exit 290. It is located across from the Bridgeport Plaza.

SEE YOU AT THE

Next Meeting January 16, 2008!