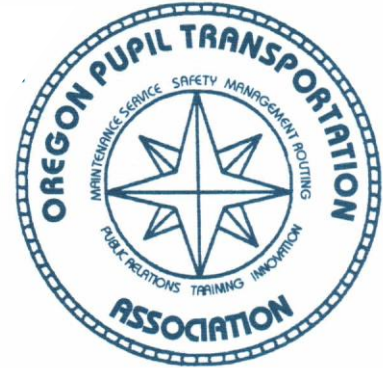


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Oregon Pupil Transportation Association Northwest Chapter Meeting Minutes January 16, 2008

President Lynnette O'Dell called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Members present: Lynnette O'Dell, Oregon City SD; T.J. Crockett, NCSD; Dawn Persall, NCSD; Janet Alley, NCSD; Doug Fedderson, NCSD; Debby Wright, Beaverton SD; Judy Friesz, Tigard-Tualatin SD; Kim Hevia, Schetky NW Sales; Dan Woods, Brattain Bus Sales; NCSD; Jean Frazey, Beaverton SD; Kathy Houck, Reynolds SD; Paula Adams, Beaverton SD; Skip Boice, Salem-Kasier SD; Mary Conger, NCSD; Kim Crabtree, Sherwood SD; Rosemary Vehrenkamp, Oregon City SD; Marlan Rohlena, Western Bus Sales; Robin Strand, Portland Public SD; Sandy Van Baggen, Portland Public SD; Elena Mark, Portland Public SD; Shawn Choruby, Western Bus Sales; Phil Weber, Portland Public SD; and Teri Brady, Portland Public SD.

Total attending: 24

Minutes taken by: Jean Frazey

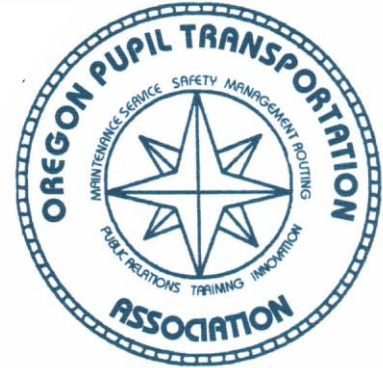
December 2007 Meeting Minutes were approved with one correction to the list of Board Members. Corrected by listing Doug Fedderson as a Board Member.

Financial Report: Debby Wright reports that:

Debby noted that to October 2007 report there is a correction of a deposit of \$585.00 which was made but not listed in the committee report, also there was a printing charge for deposit slips of \$42.38. Leaving the October 2007 Balance at \$10, 171.11.

Beginning Balance December 1, 2007	\$10,171.11
Deposit	\$ 10.00
No Expenses	
Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$10,181.11

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CD Balance starting month	\$ 3510.07
Interest	\$ 13.41
Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$ 3523.48

It was noted by Debby, that by changing the CD account, it has already paid more interest than the previous account did over the years.

Financial Report approved

Debby will also issue a check to T.J. Crockett for the purchase of Savings Bonds to award to the 2007 Poster Contest Winners.

Lynnette O'Dell recognized Janet Alley for her Years of Service to NWOPTA by presenting her with a plaque.

Committee Reports

August Workshop: Lynnette O'Dell reports:

Bill Mattes and herself met with Oregon City and went over the needs of the August Workshop and toured the Oregon City HS facility. It was decided that the location would work very well for the workshop. It is available for the dates of Aug. 12 -15th, 2008. The district is working up the cost for the using of the HS. Lynnette will present it for approval at the next meeting. Doug Fedderson noted that there is room at the HS to have the Reference Point Training class on site.

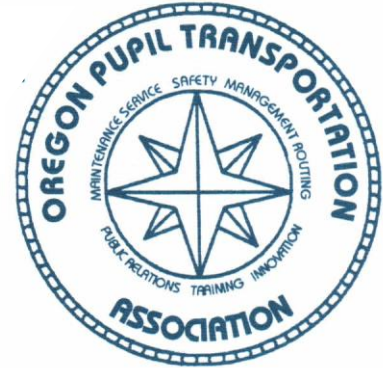
Also noted was that the "No Food or Beverage" will need to be monitored very closely at the workshop.

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

Education:

Sandy Van Baggen presented a handout of the classes going on in the area for the next month. Those will be posted at the end of the minutes.

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Membership: Kathy Houck reports that Oregon City members paid this last month for two years of membership. A list of paid members is posted at the end of the meeting minutes. If your name is not listed, your dues have not been received.

Poster Contest: T.J. Crockett reports:

This years' poster contest theme is "AVOID HARM, OBEY THE STOP ARM." Posters must be submitted no later than April 15 to be voted on at the April 16, 2008 committee meeting.

Sunshine: Debby Wright reports:

There is nothing she is aware of.

Winter Workshop: Jean reports:

The Workshop is on March 19, 2008 at Courtyard by Marriott, 15685 SW Sequoia Parkway in Tigard. Take I-5 to exit 291. Speakers are scheduled. The registration is \$15.00. All registrations paid by 3/1/08 are eligible for a drawing of a Columbia SportsWear Rain Jacket. Winner will be announced at the workshop. A registration form is posted at the end of the minutes.

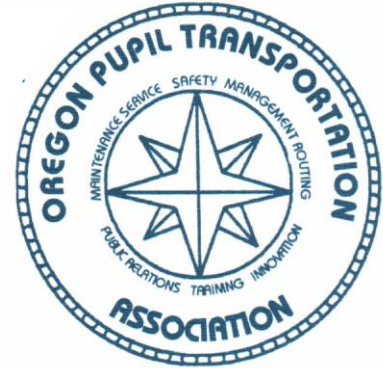
Jean shared that she had received a couple of emails posing the question, Why is the Winter Workshop on a Wednesday when schools are operating and they would not be able to attend? Could the workshop be scheduled for a day when it was more feasible for all to attend? The committee wants to board cast a survey to all members to see if there is a better day for all to attend. Jean will develop this.

Safety Exercise: T.J. Crockett reports:

He is still working with Hood River to secure the HS facility for the May 17th Regional Safety Exercise. He believes it will happen and will have an answer soon.

It was noted that Portland Public has volunteered to supply the Mini Buses for the event. They are available to help if needed.

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State Board:

No Meeting since the last NW meeting.

Summer Conference: No Report

The Conference will be at “Resort on the Mountain in Welches Oregon on June 23-26, 2008.

Old Business:

No Report

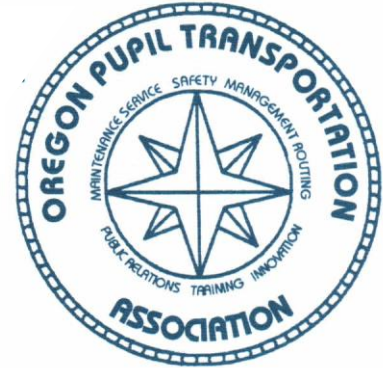
New Business:

T.J. Crockett reported on a Web-based presentation he participated in. The topic was “Seatbelts on Buses” sponsored by School Bus Fleet magazine, Secure Seats, Inc and Thomas Bus Corp. The presentation focused on meeting the future of 3-point seatbelt systems on the bus and the configuration of the actual seat standards. At this time the seat does not perform safely with the 3-point system because of the current design. The design allows the seat back to move in the event of a collision away from the passenger sitting behind which compromises the compartmentalization for that passenger. Secure Seat, Inc has designed a system that works with the seatbelt to eliminate this safety risk. Their seat design keeps the compartmentalization integrity in tack. T.J. will have an email website to listen to this presentation to anyone interested. You can email him at:

crockett@nclack.k12.or.us

Jean Frazey presented information on FMCSA-2007-27748. The FMCSA has proposed to revise the minimum training requirements for entry-level commercial motor vehicle operators. The proposal stipulates that applicants for a Class B or C CDL would have to receive 58 hours of classroom training and 32 hours behind the wheel training from a facility accredited by either the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation before receiving license to drive a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce. Carriers could provide training, but only if their program is accredited on the same basis as an independent training institution. State school bus training programs would not be recognized as fulfilling the requirement. Applicants who do not present an appropriate training certificate with their application would receive a

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CDL restricted to intrastate (in-state) driving only. The training would be a standardized curriculum of five subject areas based on commonly accepted curricula in commercial driving school, which includes almost nothing on passenger transportation or school buses. Drivers who already possess a CDL or those acquiring one within three years of the rule going into effect will not be affected. After the rule is in place, however, anyone seeking a new or upgraded CDL will be required to have the mandated training from an accredited program. To receive a state license in any state, an operator would have to present a valid driver training certificate. Currently FMCSA200727748 is open for public comment if you are interested in submitting comments regarding this proposal go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/custom/jsp/comment/publiccommentform.jsp>

The deadline for submitting comments is March 25, 2008.

Jean Frazey presented an email she received asking for information on the SWOPTA chapter's annual training. T.J. Crockett reported that due to some last minute glitches the SW chapter has had to delay announcing their Training but should be announced soon. He knew that it was scheduled for February 23, 2008 at Cascade HS in Turner Oregon and that it would have 6 hours of classroom credit.

Guest Speaker

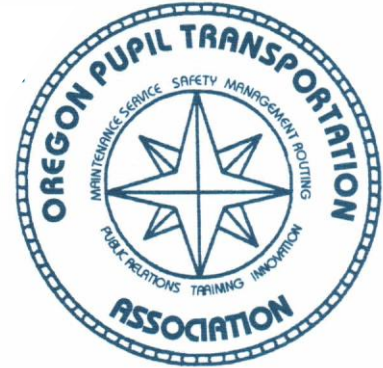
Janet Alley of North Clackamas SD presented a very timely and great reminder on "Turning a Complaint into a Positive". She facilitated a discussion on what others in the group do for different daily issues in the operation. She had a handout listing some ideas. We 'Thank you' Janet for the great review and new ideas.

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

Lynnette O'Dell led a discussion on what others were doing to comply with the McKinney/Vento act.

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For the Good of the Order

Janet Alley acknowledged that all our area bus vendors were in attendance at this meeting.

Marlan Rohlena introduced Shawn Choruby as the new bus salesman at Western Bus Sales.

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

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm

Next Meeting: 11 am – February 27, 2008 at Village Inn, 17070 SW 72 in Tigard. Take I-5 to exit 290. It is located across from the Bridgeport Plaza.