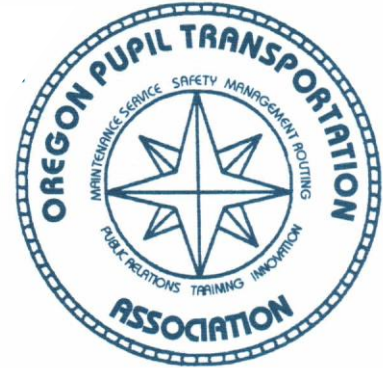


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## **OPTA NW Chapter Meeting**

### **Oregon City H.S.**

**August 13, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 12:17 p.m. by President Mary Conger.

**Attendees:** Charisse Wall, PPS; Steven Huillet, ODE; Dawn Parsell, NCSD; Mary Conger, NCSD; Doug Feddersan, NCSD; Fern Mathews, Estacada SD; Jacki Fausto, Estacada SD; Rosemary Vehrenkamp, OCSD; Lynnette O'Dell, OCSD; Bill Mattes, Estacada; Kathy Houck, Reynolds SD, Patricia Carner, BSD.

Minutes of the May 2009 meeting approved as submitted.

Mary announced goal to keep this meeting short as several people scheduled to teach classes at 1:00 pm.

**Financial Report:** Dawn met with Debbie Wright, still in process of switching accounts. No report of account balances available at this meeting. Budget is a work in progress. Discussion followed regarding Summer Workshop, approximately \$9,000 received, fees still coming in and bills are outstanding. Bill Mattes reported \$3,000 due for facility and \$500 for guest speaker. Lynette took gift to Custodians, who all seem happy with OPTA. They provided extra help with cones, access to building and indicated that they found OPTA to be good guests.

**Poster Contest Winners:** Mary Conger reported that participation seemed very low – approximately 50 entries. Category #1, 1<sup>st</sup> place from Naas Elem., Boring; 2<sup>nd</sup> place from Middleton Elem., Sherwood; Category #2, 1<sup>st</sup> from Middleton Elem., 2<sup>nd</sup> place from Archer Glen Elem., Sherwood; SPED category, both 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> from Middleton Elem, Sherwood.

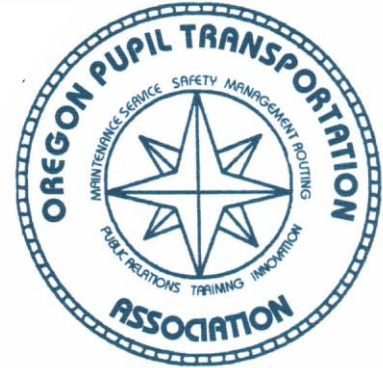
### **New Business:**

**New Officers for 2009/2010:** Past President, Lynette O'Dell; President, Mary Conger;

President Elect, Patricia Carner; Board Member, Rosemary Vehrenkamp; Secretary, Jean Frazey; Treasurer, Dawn Parcell.

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**New Committees:**

**Safety Exercises** – Patricia Carner, date set for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, tentative location pending approval – BSD at NW 167<sup>th</sup>, Beaverton. Discussion followed on holding October meeting at site to review location.

**Winter Workshop** – Jean Frazey previously indicated she would do this again.

**Poster Contest** – Charisse Wall

**Education** – Open

**Sunshine** – goes with Treasurer position – Dawn Parcell

**Membership** –Kathy Houck, discussion on billing membership or district with list of members who have paid. Discussion followed on promoting membership and positive aspects of OPTA membership.

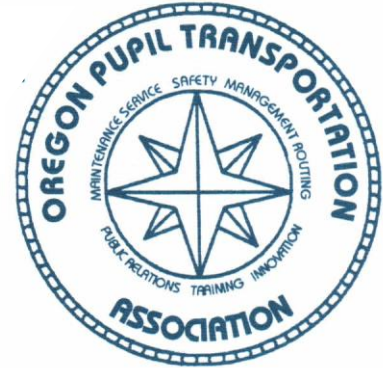
**Summer Workshop** – Bill Mattes and Lynnette O’Dell will co-chair 2010 workshop. Fern will help, Steven volunteered to line up CORE instructors from classes. Bill spoke on the benefit of providing new instructors a venue to practice and develop presentation skills as well as helping other drivers obtain needed credit hours. Bill reviewed previous workshops and the evolution to the current location and programs. He asked that everyone speak it up, encouraging new trainers to get involved, participate by teaching, helping organize, support the organization. The workshop is about improving Drivers and the safety of school bus transportation in Oregon.

A discussion on thanking some very dedicated members who put many hours into OPTA. As a chapter we need to recognize those who contribute a lot to the success. Mary will coordinate this recognition.

Question was raised to move the Chapter meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. This would make the next meeting October 20, 2009. Venue to rotate among participant locations. Notice of next meeting will be placed on website.

Discussion on criteria for grant/stipend. Grant letter will be mailed to all members regarding criteria. Tabled for discussion at next meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectively submitted by Patricia Carner, BSD