



Oregon Pupil Transportation Association Northwest Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2012

Meeting Location: Village Inn at Bridgeport, Tigard Oregon

President Kim Crabtree called the meeting to order at 11:15 am

Members Present: Teri Brady, PPSD; Steve Huillet, ODE; Kim Crabtree, Sherwood; Jean Frazey, Beaverton; Mary Conger, NCSD; Patricia Baker, BSD; Sandy Van Baggen, PPSD; Mark Sexton, NCSD; Shelly Cota, Vernonia SD; Kathy Calkins, DDSO; Anna Borges, Seaside SD; Janet Trapold, Reynolds SD; Rehana Nelson, Reynolds SD; Mike Conley, Northside Ford; Dan Wood, Brattain Bus; Ryan Hahn, Astoria SD; Shawn Choruby, Western Bus; Keith Wright, PPSD; and Sharon Pierson, PPSD

Minutes of April 2012 meeting reviewed, correction in the minutes should show nomination position is Board Member not Director at Large. Motion made, seconded, minutes approved with correction.

Financial Report: No report

Committee Reports:

Winter Workshop – Jean Frazey shared that the 2013 NW Chapter OPTA Winter Workshop is scheduled for March 18, 2013. If anyone has ideas for theme, speakers, and a location for the event please contact Jean.

Poster Contest: Christy Kalina from Sherwood SD set-up the 2012 Posters at the NW Chapter Safety Exercise on May 5th and collected votes for the winners to go on to State competition at the June State Conference in Bend.

Steven Huillet shared that he sends out the notices to all Superintendents and Art Teachers in the state to announce the contest.

Summer Workshop: Patricia Baker reports

Shelly Cota volunteered for registration.

A GREAT BIG thank you to Janet Trapold for securing Red Cross again for the workshop.

The Workshop is scheduled for August 7 -10, 2012 at Oregon City High School in Oregon City.

Patricia passed out a draft of the schedule. She received input, will make changes, and she plans on having it available on the website by the end of the month so that registration can be collected before the end of the school year. Lynnette O'Dell at Oregon City has volunteered to collect those registrations. Some of the classes will be designated for new or experienced drivers.

Things Patricia needs help with: Registration table, Room Set-up/Clean-up, and current CORE Instructors to co-teach sections of CORE classes.

Patricia has secured speakers for Friday's event.

Membership: No report. This is a reminder that it is time to pay dues. They are due before July 1st. A membership form is attached at the end of these minutes.

ODE Report: Steven Huillet reports:

- 1) He presented information about the changes to OAR's. The 1st reading and public hearing has passed. The final reading is May 17, and then rules will go into effect after that. Most of the rulings will take effect July 1st, 2012.
- 2) The 3rd Party Certification class has a couple of openings in the June class.
- 3) In a 3 day period, it was reported to Steven that 10 drivers across Oregon had failed a Random Drug Test. Federal law Title 49CFR382.403 and 382.405 cover reporting failed drug test results. Also OAR 581-053-0002 (20) (D) also has information regarding Reporting Requested.
 - a. Steven also warned that if Districts share drivers where they are considered employees at both locations, any failed drug/alcohol results must be reported to other employer. There is a release form that must be signed. Contact Steven for further information.
- 4) A discussion on Booster Seat use on school buses. Reminder that to use the Booster Seat the child must be under 40 pounds or below 4'9" and if the vehicle is only equipped with a 3 point shoulder/lap belt assembly can be used in securing the chair and passenger. Buses equipped with lap belt systems only cannot transport in Booster Seats.

- 5) Stop Arm Violation Count that happened in early April 2012:
- a. 1660 Violations reported in one day across the state (110 districts reported out of 146 districts that use transportation across the state, 66 districts reported illegal passing violations and 44 districts reported no violations)

Safety Exercise Committee: NW Chapter had their Safety Exercise this last Saturday. Had 39 contestants participate for the event. The event was short judges, had to really scramble to find people to cover stations. Found that some had not looked over the judge's packet ahead of time to be prepared for the assignment.

Dates for events are:

May 19th, 2012 – South Willamette Chapter Safety Exercise at Thurston HS in Springfield
Jun 2nd, 2012 – State Safety Exercise at Thurston HS in Springfield. There will be a SPED event available at only this event to qualify for the National competition.

Some areas to expound on for next year are: Making sure contestants are familiar with the event materials before the exercise. Promote the Safety Exercise at the August Workshop by displaying information and maybe offering a class on “How to win the Safety Exercise” and making it known that the FMVSS122 standards will be used for mirror adjustment only. Work on promoting better at the district level and making sure that the judges have information about judging before the exercise.

Christy Kalina of Sherwood SD was recognized as the 2012 NW Chapter Buck Klemm Award winner. Christy has been heading up the poster contest in her district for several years. She does a wonderful job getting students to respond to the contest. We appreciate her enthusiasm and commitment to a great cause.

Sunshine: It was noted that Patricia Baker, BSD fell and broke her right wrist during practice for the Safety Exercise, and that Annetta Osborn of Warrenton SD Mother passed away recently.

Education: Sandy Van Baggen will continue to collect information about available classes in the region. The only class to report is that Reynolds SD will have a Saturday First Aid Class, contact Janet Trapold for additional information.

State Board: No report

Old Business:

State Summer Conference is June 18 – 21, 2012 in Bend Oregon at the River Place. More information is available at the website. www.optaschoolbus.org

New Business:

Nominations for NW Chapter open committee positions are:

President-Elect (3 year commitment) – Keith Wright with PPSD and Ryan Hahn with Astoria SD

Secretary (1 year commitment)-Jean Frazey with Beaverton SD

Board Member (3 year commitment)-Mary Conger with N. Clackamas SD

An important part of the commitment for all these positions is to attend all monthly meetings.

Voting will take place at the June meeting at the State Conference.

State Award nominations are also open at this time to recognize those individuals in our state that make the difference in transportation. More information is available at the OPTA website. www.optaschoolbus.org

Roundtable Discussion:

PPSD is looking for information from other districts on what they do for video storage and policies of viewing to help them develop their in-house program. Please contact Teri Brady if you have information to share.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

Next meeting: June 19th 2012 at State Conference in Bend Oregon

OPTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

- Active Member
Persons performing administrative, supervisory, driver training, and/or regulatory duties in School bus operations.
- Associate Member
Any person interested in or associated with, any phase of pupil transportation.
- Professional Member
Persons employed as a school bus driver or a mechanic/technician in school bus Operations.
- Honorary Member
Any person, or, institution so named by the State Board of Directors.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP:

- State Membership \$15
- Northwest Membership \$10
- South Willamette Membership \$20

Total Paid _____

Make checks payable to: OPTA

REGISTRATION:

Please Type or print

Name: _____

Company/Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

New Membership _____ Renewal _____

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Specify Year (July 1st - June 30th) Payment Applies: _____ / _____

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