

NW Chapter OPTA Meeting

12/11/12

Grand Lodge Pub 3505 Pacific Hwy, Forest Grove

Meeting Opened by Teri Brady at 11:15 followed by introductions.

Attendees: Anna Borges Seaside SD, Kim Crabtree Sherwood SD, Mary Conger NCS#12, Mark Sexton NCS#12, Robert Murray Brattain, Shawn Choruby Western Bus Sales, Elena Mark PPS, Keith Wright PPS, Sharon Pierce PPS, Teri Brady PPS and Sandy van Baggen PPS.

Minutes were taken and distributed by email, copies were available at meeting. A correction was made: would be "helpful", Keith motioned to approve the minutes with the correction and Elena seconded.

Financial Report – Mary Conger gave report. Money was made at the summer workshop, most everyone paid and we had good results. The districts that haven't paid need can't until they receive an invoice/letter. If you haven't received one please contact Lynnette O'Dell OCS#12; Mary Conger approved the financial report and Keith Write seconded.

Safety Exercise; This year's regional safety exercise location will be at Hood River HS May 4, 2013, and State is at Thurston HS on June 1st, Cindy Moran and David Farley are Head Judges. Save the date! Encourage your drivers to participate!

Winter Workshop; Elena Mark will chair the Winter Workshop. Her plan is to contact Jean Frazey for information and confirm a place at the Monarc March 18th. She is looking for suggestions for a theme and speakers. Mary Conger suggested having T.J. Crockett a speaker on the new BTW training and material. Elena will ask T.J. to save the date. Also looking for vendors to donate some door prizes, you can call her at 503 916-6901 x77276.

Poster Contest; Sherwood had a National Winner in the CAD Division.

Sunshine; PPS says thank you for the card sent. NCS#12 has a mom whose son has burns and was life lighted from Spokane to Seattle and was with him in the hospital, a card will be sent to her and her family. We had an update on Dawn, she was ill with the flu around Thanksgiving and her last chemo was 11/13. She still has radiation to do, we wish her well.

Education; Sandy received very little classes to share this month, they will be attached to the minutes.

Membership; Kathy Houck is working on updating the list and payments for next meeting. It was discussed to bring applications to each meeting to give to new guests. Contact Kathy in June for current list to work off of and send reminders. Also have flyers at the summer conference.

Summer Workshop; No report at this time, still need a lead, please anyone interested.....

State Report; Kim Crabtree reported the Conference this summer in Bend, Seon will host a golf tournament 6/17 and 6/20. The theme is "Journey to A New Beginning". There is a competition for art graphics. There was discussion on charging the mechanics \$110.00 for registration, working with NASDPTS, ideas on guest speakers, Chris Moore, Salem Keizer will speak about State Funding and Pete Meslin will return.

Steven spoke; 4 trainers are getting sanctions for improper training, scores will be sent out to inactive trainers, I-Learn (on-line training) for trainers and had an update on Board Policy to match ODE changes. Steven's last day is 12/27/12

Old Business;

- American Red Cross certification cards are not being sent to folks who took the course and concerns that costs are too high, some districts have in house trainers who teach MESD.
- Kim C. had concerns with discrepancies between the new training and testing criteria; information in testing is not in BTW and there is missing information.

- There was talk about forming a sub-committee to help ODE with changes to the new training program, Kim C. and Mary C. will email to compare. Keith nominated Sharon to work on this committee along with Mark S. This committee will help T.J. addressing the discrepancies. There is a strong desire to complete this before the next BTW Training in March.
- Kim offers pre-trip training for bus drivers and has a new DVD and will share with NCS D
- PPS is looking at doing a video for small buses.
- Hope to have someone from State OPTA to attend the meetings.
- Shawn from Western Bus shared 2013 emissions control additions will increase light pop-ups, he also stated Propane buses will eliminate this, contact him with additional questions. Western will install a test camera on a stop arm (sign) on a bus for trail testing, if interested contact Colby. Remember you would have to let the public know if cameras are taking pictures of vehicles/public knowledge.
- Sherwood was asking about in-climate weather mountain driving, it was shared David Douglas does this.

New Business;

- Nominations and voting for secretary position.
- Teri brought up Winter Driving Rodeo.

Next Meeting;

January 8th, Schetky NW Sales 8430 NE Killingsworth Portland OR,

February 12th Village Inn,

March 18th is at the Winter Workshop,

April 9th Seaside, Anna Borges will plan.

May 14th Western Bus Sales, Shawn Choruby will plan.

Elena Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:20, Keith Wright seconded and Teri B. adjourned the meeting.