

NW Chapter OPTA Meeting

February 12, 2013

Village Inn, Tualatin

Attendees: Elena Mark, PPS; Anna Borges, Seaside; Patricia Baker, Beaverton; Paula Adams, Beaverton; T.J. Crockett, ODE; Chase Schetky, Schetky NW Sales; Janet Trapold, Reynolds; Rehana Nelson, Reynolds; Mary Conger, NCSO; Kim Crabtree, Sherwood; Kathy Calkins, David Douglas

Meeting Called to order at 11:07 by President Teri Brady.

Introductions made around the table.

Minutes of last meeting reviewed with correction – delete last sentence. Motion made by Kim to accept revised minutes, seconded by Elena, approved.

Financial Report – Mary reported Dawn received outstanding checks from Summer Workshop. Income \$18,897.30, Expenses \$5,733.26, Balance \$13,164.04. Current checking \$24,036.87, Cash Box \$50, CD \$3,676.02. Discussion regarding upcoming expenses for Winter Workshop. Motion made by Elena to approve as submitted, seconded by Anna, motion passed.

Poster contest – Paula reported emails went out to all Transportation contacts. Mary reported that all is going as planned at the State level. T.J. reported that communication did not go out to teachers due to a glitch but would go out and appear on the State web site. Discussion followed on how the contest is communicated among the Districts.

Education – Teri reported on Sandy's behalf. No one listed classes available except Reynolds – First Aid on 3/2, 4/13, 6/1. Sherwood has a First Aid class on 3/1. Call for CORE – does anyone have an 8 hr class scheduled?

Sunshine – Mary reported that she heard Keith's Grandma passed, PPS has a driver on Hospis Care – info will be forwarded to Mary to send a card.

Winter Workshop – Elena passed out Flyer and reviewed presenters. She is very excited about Vicky Handy – recommended by N.Clackamas, a very good speaker with lots of tools. She will have packets and breakouts. T.J. will speak on what is new at ODE. There will be a wellness speaker. Lunch is plated, similar to last year. The flyer will be on the OPTA website tomorrow. Cost is \$25, or \$30 after 4/15. Register with either Sandy or Elena. Discussion followed regarding OPTA paying for Speakers' lunches. Chase volunteered to bring doorprizes from Schetky NW.

Safety Exercises – Teri reported for Cindy. The NW Chapter Exercises are set for May 4th in Hood River. Letters have been sent for assistance, donations and vendors. Cindy is working on finding judges.

Summer Workshop – Rehana reported location is set at Oregon City H.S. August 6 – 9, 2013. Discussion regarding whether to hold a Friday presentation. Mary asked T.J. about sending a Save the Date postcard. Janet T. reported First Aid cost has increased to \$63 per person through American Red Cross. Discussion as to whether Chapter should pass the entire cost on to attendees. A recommendation was made that First Aid be paid up front by attendees. Discussion of other vendors and complications in scheduling instructors and obtaining cards. Collection process has been better the last two years. Packets need to go out in May. Committee will meet again on March 5th. Members requested to go back to Districts and ask about the cost of First Aid and projected attendance on Friday.

State Report – T.J. reported the Red Light Survey is scheduled for the Weds after Spring Break as it is coordinated through NAPTS.

Senate Bill 193 scheduled to be presented on the floor on Weds. This bill is regarding Drug Testing for School Bus Drivers. Other bills include all endorsements showing on permits, proposed to go into effect 6/8/14; funding of Driver Education programs, converting fleets to Natural Gas, headlights on at all times. Currently there are no Bill relating to school funding. Discussion followed regarding alternative fuels.

T.J. reported that in 2015 all day Kindy will be Mandated.

Old Business: The Secretary position is on hold – postponed as Sandy is covering.

New Business – Contribution for upgrading to an online registration system has been requested at the OPTA State meeting. The system would support membership, workshops, Safety Exercises and Conference registration. NW Chapter's obligation would be about \$1200 – one time contribution. The State will bear the majority of the cost, about \$8,000.

Roundtable on Budgeting and Fuel Costs.

Announcements:

Anna asked about Video/Audio policies for use on the buses. Recommendation made to discuss with legal counsel.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25