

Northwest OPTA meeting minutes January 11th, 2018

Casey called the meeting to order at 10:43 No Quorum

Education - Oregon City has first aid 2/2, 4/6, 6/8. Core refresher 1/16 @ 9:30.

Sunshine - Not at this time.

State report - Oregon has submitted their petition for inclusion in the V.W. trust. January 30th the trust is supposed to announce which states are to be included in the trust and it is likely that all states will be included. That allows Oregon to spend money, however a plan must be submitted at least 30 days before we ask for any money. The plan follows buses beginning with the median aged bus. Oregon plans to submit the plan about the middle of February.

Once districts with eligible buses are identified, the list will be posted online for all to see. DEQ will assign a random priority number to districts to begin replacing buses over what they expect to be a four year period. You may have an eligible bus to be replaced and be first to have an offer to replace/retrofit or 100th depending on the random order.

This is likely happening in Mid-March, but DEQ also needs to hire staff to accomplish this goal. Replacing 450 over four years would mean averaging 12.5 replacements a month.

The main cause of accidents is unawareness, or ambiguity, or the things around the bus. These items are either fixed or parked vehicles. The secret to missing these is reference point training.

Encourage involvement in the school bus safety exercises.

PDF fillable forms: Our accident report is a fillable form. Scott wants all locations to begin using the form in that way.

Make sure you are retraining after an accident.

O.D.E. spring and summer class announcements are pending. If you have people you plan to send, remember they should be the one who signs up, not the supervisor. They need a working email account, to meet the qualifications, and should not be a new driver. Watch for the announcement on the Listserv.

Those 3rd party testers who have tested less than 10 applicants in 2017 do not have access to CSTIMS pending a refresher program that is in development. This is a recertification year. We anticipate an online process, however discussions with DMV need to happen. Lots of changes with the testing part of the BTW manual.

Vendor report - Kevin from Schetky went over the literature regarding new things available this year.

Winter workshop - Monarch is ready just need to sign the contract.

Safety exercises - Regional and state will both be held at a church in Eugene.

Unfinished business - Still looking for a secretary and treasurer. We need to at least get a treasurer. We could get in trouble from the state for not having one.

Winter workshop - Casey has the guest speaker. Cost will be \$100.00. Continental breakfast. Mary suggested that we need some door prizes. Early registration closes February 23rd. It was suggested that we form a committee to put together notebooks for our big events. Winter and summer workshops, safety exercises. Terry Brady volunteered to head up the project.

Summer workshop - A concern was brought about having our summer workshop right after the state's summer conference Scott suggested getting in contact with the Flo to get the information on who was in ODE Core class last summer to see if they want to help teach.

New business - PPS is looking for a place to store the trailer .

We will soon be able to apply for the 30% reimbursement for foster care students. Feb-March they will ask for first quarter data.