

OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
A non-profit organization



South Willamette Chapter

Date: April 8, 2008
Location: Brownsville, Pioneer Villa
Meeting Called to Order: 10.30 am
Members: Debora Lincoln, Chris Ellison, L.D. Ellison, Dan Henry
Deborah Maskal, Cindy Moran, Tom Saddler, Delwin Loucks, Vurlee Nab-Alexander,
Brenda Richardson, Wilber Starr, Carl Salstrom, Cindy Sim, Robine Splonski,
Dan Wood, Shawn Choruby

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the last meeting were handed out. Minutes accepted
Financial Report: Financial report handed out. Accepted

Committee Reports

State Board: Nothing at this time.

Poster Contest: Chairpersons: Carl Salstrom, TJ Crocket
The Posters have been coming in, so far 608 state wide. This is a huge increase over previous years. The posting over the State list server was the way to go. 2 years ago there were 135 for our chapter; therefore we broke down into a sub-committee to pick 15 for each category for judging at the May meeting. 60 total. Carl will bring a few to rodeo for display.

Safety Exercise: Registrations have been sent out; some have already received them, the rest should be received in the next couple of days.
State registration goes to Chris Ellison
Robine from Hillsboro is heading up getting the information out.
Requested that we put the registration on the State web site, OPTA's is still under construction.
Tom Saddler is doing the distribution for ODE.
Judges info goes to Chris E. Moneys to Tom, and State registration to Chris
Wall-Mart was asked to donate the clipboards; they needed the tax ID number so the forms were sent out a couple days ago. Hopefully we will here back from them soon.
Jim Harris team award was passed around. Very Touching! This will be awarded at the Rodeo.
Suggestion was made that a list of accomplishments be put on the back so years down the road they will not be forgotten. All were in favor.
Lebanon still needs to confirm on transits.
There is limited parking at the rodeo site around the perimeter. 20 cars at the bank, 40-50 at the pawn shop overflow, bus parking behind the store. L.D's service techs will make no parking signs and have traffic directors.
Marty Hopper found a good price on trophies; he will pick those up and be reimbursed by Western Bus.
Sweet Home SD will bring doughnuts and coffee.
Albany SD will be providing a bar-b-que. Judges will eat for free, any one else is \$5.00. They are serving: Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and a soda.
Safety exercise puts better bus drivers on the road. "Community aspect"
Deborah put \$380.25 in the bank for us. This was proceeds from the merchandise being sold around at different facilities. A table will be set up at rodeo also.

Sunshine: Wilbur Starr's father passed away this month. Our condolences

Education: Salem/Keizer having classes – check website. Tom Saddler is having a CORE refresher class May 9th.

Winter Workshop: Guest speakers: Deborah Lincoln and Claudia Howells came to discuss next years Winter Workshop. February 21, 2009 – proposed topic, Train vs. School Bus
Claudia Howells –from Operation Lifesaver started with some things she wanted us to think about, and concerns she has.

- Is this going to be possible? We will need to connect with safety groups from OR and State. The last OR train collision on file was in 1976. A report was made recently that a bus went around a gates in the Willamette Valley just a couple of weeks ago. This was reported by the train engineer.
- 2 years ago operation lifesaver sent out a safety module they made. There has been mixed feedback from it. It includes a 15 min. video and a worksheet. Since the turnover of drivers is so high it is very important that this is included in training. If anyone would like this training program, let her know its good material. Several trainers already use them.
- A training program is available for people within the organization. They will be certified to teach Railroad safety in the area at drivers meetings.
- Board of directors needs people – if interested contact Claudia.
- Operation Lifesaver has a trailer with lots of safety information. It's too late to get it for May 3rd but will look into bringing to Redmond May 31st for State Rodeo.
- ODE website will put a link in to Operation Lifesaver.

Winter Workshop: Possibilities of how it could work - Claudia

1. Stage the crash. Taking into account the uncontrollable.
 - Speed = impact = risk
 - Find a willing RXR; possibly Lebanon old mill industry site.
 - Insurance – liability
2. Mock Crash
 - Safer for RxR and spectators
 - Have a volunteer film the action
 - Bring in drama clubs for victims
 - Police dept and EMS

Chris Ellison comments

We would like to have the train actually hit a bus in the tail end containment area. This is to remind drivers they need to stop 15-50 feet from the tracks, always keeping the tail 15 feet off the tracks. Drivers get complacent and need to be reminded of the importance of this. Our area has many railroad crossings.

Deborah Lincoln comments

It would be a good opportunity for immediate training. It would also show how the chain of command works. Incident commander – DMV would be involved. In Ohio, 1973 a bus was hit by a train going backwards 4 miles an hour. It knocks the bus over pushing it down the tracks, when the train finally stopped there were a lot of fatalities and injuries. So speed is not necessary.

Discussion continued of ways we could keep safe yet have the audience feel the impact of this terrible scenario.

- ✓ Put audience in busses to watch from a distance
- ✓ Use an auditorium, watch from live feed
- ✓ Remote controlled train? Not available
- ✓ Lebanon to Foster line a possibility can use the River Center for Workshop good location. Rick Franklin owns this line and has clean up equipment.
- ✓ A low speed impact possibly backwards, has a box car hit the bus so there would be no damage to an engine.
- ✓ Place old video equipment on the bus and train to film the impact from all angles.
- ✓ Involve T.V. private organization for donations.
- ✓ Use a second bus for drama reenactment of crash scene.
- ✓ Agencies may not want to work Saturdays. This is the best day for the Schools

A Sub-Committee was volunteered to meet. The members so far; Claudia Howells, Chris Ellison, L.D. Ellison, Denice Blake, Diane Clinkscales, Dan Henry, Deborah Maskal, TJ, Will add members from NW chapter.

Membership:

119 members have paid – 51%

A reminder to those 49% that haven't paid, this keeps the prices of workshops down and also makes you a voting member.

For the Good-of-the-Order

NOMINATIONS: President – Chris Ellison
Vice- President – Carl Salstrom
Treasure – Tom Saddler
Chapter Representative – Marty Hopper
Next meeting, Elect new officers.

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 9, Tuesday	McKenzie School District (Finn Rock?)	General Housekeeping; set Drivers' Winter Workshop date & location; set Safety Exercise date & location
November 13, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	TBD
December 11, Tuesday	Almost Home Restraint, Salem	State of the State's Pupil Transportation
January 8, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	Winter Workshop
February 12, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	TBD
March 11, Tuesday	The Apple Peddler Restaurant, Sutherlin	Safety Exercise
April 8, Tuesday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	Nominate New Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas);
May 13, Tuesday	Izzies, Redmond	Elect Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas) Judge poster contest
June 24, Tuesday	Welches OR Inn at the Resort	Install New Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas)

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 pm

Next Meeting Date: June 24, 2008 7:30-7:45

Next Meeting Location: Welchs OR Inn at the Resort