

OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

A non-profit organization



South Willamette Chapter

Date: December 11, 2007
Location: Salem, Almost Home
Meeting Called to Order: 10.30 am
Members: David Farley, Debora Lincoln, Ron Albers, Mollie Blagg, Denice Blake, Toby Bodkin, Deborah Maskal, Cindy Moran, Tom Saddler, Dan Henry, Michael Burton, Van Criddle, Michael Shields, Wilber Starr, Michael Severyn, Teresa Derochowski, L.D. Ellison, Sue Hill-Smith, Carl Salstrom, Cindy Sim, Robine Splonski, Sue Sprauer, John Van Winkle, Dan Wood, Kevin Baker, Kerry Bryant, Pat Green, Chris Ellison

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the last meeting were handed out. No topics were discussed.

Financial Report: Balance stands at \$6906.84, approved

Committee Reports

State Board: Next State board meeting is December 13th, 2007

Poster Contest: Chairpersons: Carl Salstrom, TJ Crocket
They will get started on this after the holidays. Chapter awards will be given as checks; all in favor

Safety Exercise: The River Center in Lebanon will be the site for the Safety exercise this year. The date has been set for May 3rd. River Center is the old Wal-Mart site. It has been totally redone. The cost is \$750.00 for the facility. Facility has Classrooms / auditorium / large parking lot
There is a Coffee shop on the grounds.
Equipment: Mini buses: 6? / Conventional: 6 – Sweet Home / Transits: 8 – Lebanon & Albany
Chairpersons: Matt & L.D.
Sweet home: collectable item sales
Awards: Mollie, Western Bus sales
Judges hats: Brattain
Gift Cards: Schetky NW sales
Thank you to all for your help in making this a successful event.

Sunshine: Chris E. will be pricing plaques in honor of Jim Harris. He will try to bring samples in at the next meeting.

Education: Nothing to report

Winter Workshop: There has been a setback on speakers. If anyone has a speaker in mind please let Pat know. The workshop is going to be centered around evacuation procedures and safety this year. Claudia Howell from Operation Lifesaver is interested in the Railroad collision aspect. We will want to coordinate with emergency responders in the local areas. Lebanon has put in their bid for lunch preparation offering Box lunch's for \$6.00 They offer sandwiches or wraps. This will include; chips, fruit, potato salad, cookie and a drink. If anyone else would like to put in a bid please do. Sweet home and Cascade Schools will look into it.

Membership: 247 members now.
82 packets have been sent out to renew memberships.

Guest Speaker: Deborah Lincoln – State of the State's Transportation

- *Motor Coach – the directive is not to use motor coaches to transport school students.*

The issue started with a private school wanting to license the one they bought through ODE. It couldn't be put in the systems because the standards are not up to the same code as school busses. ODE asked for legal opinion on M.C. use, this brought it to the attention that they were unsafe and shouldn't be used for schools. The Temporary rule was set into effect but will expire soon.

ODE has come up with a provision: If you want to use one you must apply for a waiver. The ODE dept will look into the MC to make sure certain standards have been met. Standards include:

- Driver qualifications
 - Drivers not left alone with students
 - Proper license
- Vehicle Qualifications
 - Insurance
 - Exits labeled
 - Metal flashing over tires
- Operational
 - Pre-departure exit drill
 - Speed limit
 - Who orders equipment

All of this is being looked at and will be filed by January 15, 2008. A public hearing is scheduled for February 27th.

Watch the web site for dates and times. If you have any input or would like to be put on the e-mail list of interest please e-mail Debra Lincoln.

- Deborah discussed FADS apposed ruling.
- DMV has to notify ODE of any SB driver receiving DUI, or suspension.
- Budget note - \$ 300,000 has been given to conduct a study on ways to improve efficiency on the funding of transportation. The biggest concern is with safety as a whole, if the \$ cutting will cause less concern with safety of the kids.
- Vernonia lost two busses in the recent flood. Students are being bused to Scappoose for school; this means they are on the bus an extra hour and a half each day. This is going to be very costly to their district.
- Watch the website for upcoming training dates.
- Keep in mind the safety exercise for State will be in Canada this year, you'll need passports.

For the Good-of-the-Order

- ? We are still looking into the Northwest – Southwest golf social this year. Where's the trophy?
Mike will bring it up at the State meeting.

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	TBD (Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville?)	Nominate New Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas); judge Poster Contest
May 13, Tuesday	TBD (Central Oregon?)	Elect Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas)
June 24, Tuesday	Welches OR Inn at the Resort	Install New Officers (Pres/VP/St. Rep/Treas)

Meeting Adjourned: 12:10 pm

Next Meeting Date: January 8th, 10:30 – 12:30

Next Meeting Location: Brownsville, Pioneer Village Restaurant