

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



South Willamette Chapter

Date: February 10, 2009
Location: Cascade Grill, Albany
Meeting Called to Order: 10:30 AM
Members: Chris Ellison, Carl Salstrom, Tom Saddler, Cindy Sim, Cindy Moran, Denice Blake, Craig Pruitt, L.D. Ellison, Diane Clinkscales, Barbie Gandee, Deborah Maskal, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Wilbur Starr, Mike Severyn, Tracy Kindle

Previous Minutes: Approved

Financial Report: Approved

Committee Reports

State Board: Met Friday Feb. 6th 2009. NW Chapter Winter Workshop is March 16th from 8 to 1 in Lake Oswego at the Crown Plaza. Roberts Rules, for supervisors and trainers.

Committee reports – summer conference going swimmingly. It will be in Eugene at the Valley River Inn, June 2009, 2010 & 2011.

State Safety exercise is May 30th in Redmond at the old Wal-Mart across from the fairgrounds. No charge for the building and grounds may need extra port-a-potties. Truckers use the area for over night stays, my need signs to stop this for that day.

NW safety exercise is May 16th at Liberty High School in Hillsboro

SW Safety Exercise is May 2nd at the transportation facility for Salem/Keiser (no cost)

Legislative – Everyone needs to be finger printed, senate bill 46

Length of bus is now restricted at 40'. Some new buses are just a little longer, need exemption to be added to include busses.

A new bill is in the works to limit a district the use of a bus to 15 years. This will make it hard on small/private districts. Also for large districts that are adding buses not replacing them. Looking for feedback on this.

Poster Contest: The flyers have been sent out to all the districts. We are hoping for a good response. The number of posters will be limited to 10-15 for each category then voted for the top 3 at the safety exercise in Salem/Keiser.

Safety Exercise: May 2nd 2009, Salem/Keiser transportation facility. No cost for facility. We may need port-a-potties brought in.

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

Education: Albany- Student Management Class Feb. 17th 9:30-11:30
Salem/Keiser – CORE Refresher Feb. 16th 1-5 / First Aid Feb. 16
CORE Feb. 25th & 26th 9:30-12:00

Winter Workshop: Winter Workshop has been moved to West Albany High School, Albany due to problems with Turner Fire Dept. All things are go in Albany. The final details will be worked out at the committee meeting after OPTA. Over 700 have registered; this is a good turn out. We have a lot of donations from vendors. Tom read a letter from John Van Winkle (Schetky) thanking OPTA for letting them be part of this very important training for school bus drivers. They also gave a donation of \$1000. OPTA will be putting all the logos of sponsors in the video.
 BNSF railroad is donating tote bags with a logo on it. These will have gifts for the drivers and need to be stuffed with all the paperwork before the Workshop.
 Body of the bus was donated to the Albany Fire Dept. for training.
 DVDs of the workshop will be made into a training tool for districts to use. This will not be a money making venture this is an incredible training tool that we get to be a part of building.

Membership: We now have 84 paid members. Craig Pruitt and Steve Huillet are honorary members and do not have to pay.

Old Business:

New Business:

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 14, Tuesday	Pioneer Villa, Brownsville	General Housekeeping; set Drivers' Winter Workshop date & location; set Safety Exercise date & location
November 12, Tuesday	Almost Home, Salem	State of the State's Pupil Transportation
December 9, Tuesday	Olive Garden, Eugene	TBD
January 15, Thursday	Pioneer Restaurant, Brownsville	Winter Workshop
February 10, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany	TBD
March 13, Friday	Izzies, Newport	Safety Exercise
April 14, Tuesday	Almost Home, Salem	Nominate New Officers
May 15, Friday	Izzies, Redmond	Elect Officers
June 23, Tuesday	Valley River Inn, Eugene	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: March 13, 11:00 – 12:30

Next Meeting Location: Izzies, Newport