

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



***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: November 10, 2009

Location: Cascade Grill, Albany OR

Meeting Called to Order: President - Chris Ellison 11:00

Members: Chris Ellison, Carl Salstrom, Tom Saddler, Cindy Moran, Marty Hopper  
Steven Huillet, Denice Blake, Shawn Choruby, Dave Dunlap, Maggi Estes, Cheryl Hicks,  
Susan Hunt, Deborah Maskal, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Michael Shields, Cindy Sim, Dan  
Wood, L.D. Ellison

Minutes: Recorded: Cindy Moran - Secretary

Previous Minutes: Vurlee motioned October minutes to be accepted. Cindy S. 2nd

Financial Report: 10/12/2009 beginning balance \$14,122.15  
Total Inflow \$3,170  
Total Outflow -\$1,350  
Net Total \$1,820  
11/9/2009 balance \$15,922.15

***Committee Reports***

State Board: The next meeting is December 15, 2009  
SW President designate to the Board – Patti Green  
State of the State – Guest speaker Steven Huillet

- Hired his replacement, TJ Crocket – 503-947-7524
- Next week ODE will be getting a new phone system (Verizon) voice command
- Training reports posted, sending out PDF. First of December all the ODE information will go in electronically.
- Electronic training – e-mail Steven to get on board.
- Spring 2010 electronic reporting – Log in 48 hours in advance of testing, when finished log in and send results.
- Adding new testing criteria in the spring of 2010. Backing 3 scores, set on lot. Testing form will change too.
- Bills – House by 2017 busses 1994-2006 need to be retrofitted or have particulate traps replaced. By 2025 anything older than 1993 will be gone
- Fuel diesel grant used for clean diesel, Federal dollars can be used not State.
- Spent a week in Kentucky, NAPT conference. It was very good

The workshops were great. The primary purpose for going was to push the NAPT in Portland in 2011. The response has been fantastic.

Poster Contest: Kay Saddler and Tom Saddler – Chairpersons  
Tom will be going to ODE to send the information out on the poster contest. She is also  
Contacting the Oregon Coast Art association to see if they might be willing to  
Help with the judging.  
Denice Blake – State Chair for Poster Contest  
Co-Chair for NW & SW will work together

**Safety Exercise:** L.D. Ellison – Chairperson  
Grants Pass has offered to host the event. Their facility and equipment can be used, so the only issue would be the date. If we have enough key people we could have it the same day as the NW Chapter – May 22<sup>nd</sup>. For us locally we are looking at a 3.5 to 4 hour drive. L.D. is going to look at finalizing dates and location.

**Sunshine:** Vurlee – Chairperson  
A card was sent to Kay Saddler who has been feeling under the weather.

**Education:** December 1<sup>st</sup> Albany Transportation is having the first round table forum at their facility. Routing 101 – 5:30-7:30 dinner provided for paid members. Non-members \$5.00  
Everyone is invited we are hoping for a good turnout.  
Carl Salstrom has continuing classes in Salem. For more information on classes and times please contact Carl at Salem-Keizer. [Salstrom\\_Carl@salkei.k12.or.us](mailto:Salstrom_Carl@salkei.k12.or.us)

**Winter Workshop:** Denice Blake – Chairperson  
“Bus Driver Boot Camp” Saturday February 20, 2010.  
Location has not been set. Looking at East of the mountain? Will we loose the core audience that lives along the valley? We are anticipating half of what we had last year that is around 350 people which has been pretty normal in the past. Areas in West Salem, McNary being looked at.  
The sub-committee will meet after the OPTA meeting to work out the details.  
Chris Ellison will start working on the 2011 workshop. “Bullying” He is going to have Derek Cox involved in the making of another video and trying to get Allen Bean a keynote speaker at NAPT that was a very moving . This will be another big one for us to do, but everyone was excited about it.  
Steven Huillet is making copies of “Attitude – Distraction – Disaster”

**Membership:** Tom Saddler – Chairperson  
Membership is currently at 93. This is only 14 short of what we had last year. There are some districts that haven’t responded yet, an e-mail will be sent out to them.

**Old Business:** We need to have some sub-committees for the NAPT conference in Portland that is scheduled for 2010. Start looking for gift bag items – donations from local merchants.  
We are looking forward to a good conference.

**New Business:** None

***For the Good-of-the-Order***

Future Meetings:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
October 13, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	General Housekeeping; set Drivers' Winter Workshop date & location; set Safety Exercise date & location
November 10, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	State of the State's Pupil Transportation
December 8, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
January 12, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
February 9, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	TBD
March 9, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Safety Exercise
April 13, Tuesday	Almost Home, Salem	Nominate New Officers
May 14, Friday	Izzies, Redmond	Elect Officers
June 22, Tuesday	Valley River Inn, Eugene	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: Tom moved to adjourn 12:40, L.D. 2<sup>nd</sup>. One opposed, Marty :)

Next Meeting Date: January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010, 11:00 am

Next Meeting Location: Cascade Grill, Albany