

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



***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Location: Corino's, Albany OR

Meeting Called to Order: Chris Ellison, 11:10 am

Members: Chris Ellison, Carl Salstrom, Cindy Moran, Kevin Baker, Cindy Sim, Maggi Estes, Janet Mauldin, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Denice Blake, LD Ellison, Kris Freeman, Patricia Green, Wilbur Starr, Dan Wood

Previous Minutes: Vurlee moved to approve the minutes, David 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

Financial Report: 3/31/2011 Beginning Balance: \$30688.64  
Total inflow 6281.50  
Total Outflow: -20496.95  
Net total -14,215.45  
Balance: \$16473.19

David moved to approve the financial report, David 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried

***Committee Reports***

State Board: House bill 2437 is dead. It will be resurrected with new language. ODE is helping rewrite it. Steven Huillet is on guard with this and will keep us informed. One third of the bills made it through On Friday.  
State Conference is May 20<sup>th</sup> in the Tualatin area. Speakers are Ken Hedgecok from Tomas Built Busses. Mike Martin will be speaking on Wednesday.  
June 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> South Willamette Conference – Good topics: Leadership/management, Critical Human Resources issues – 4 hour classes with national speakers  
Carl brought up using Patricia Garner to help with lobbying. It would be good to have her on board to help the State board understand the process and make us internally strong. We could incorporate call lists and e-mail lists. Each chapter used to have this; it was phased out with time when there was no need. It would be a good idea to reinstate it.

Poster Contest: 18 posters have been submitted. None of them have the theme written on them so there is a concern they will be disqualified. Kevin is going to take them to the school and have the students fix this then resubmit. We have extended the deadline to the end of April.

Safety Exercise: May 14<sup>th</sup>, at Thurston HS in Springfield. Only one registration has come in so far but this is not uncommon. They will trickle in, post mark is accepted for date and there is registration on site. Funding may be an issue on how many contestants we will have this year.

Chris called Dale Rosin the Assistant Supervisor and head trainer to talk to her about the rodeo and found out her last day is the 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Her job is being split to two classified positions. It is not a happy day for the industry right now.

Carl reported that the State Rodeo is looking good. It is June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Morning Star church in Salem. A copy of the judge's registration was given to everyone to take back to their bus garages. They can fill it out and fax in.

Carl is taking care of the awards. There will be a plaque for first thru fifth place. The traveling trophy needs to be engraved.

Salem is having a dress rehearsal May 7<sup>th</sup> for the rodeo, it helps the drivers know what to expect and feel more relaxed. Albany drivers often join them.

Trinkets will be sold at the SW and State rodeo.

A question came up on how much or what the companies do for the drivers that compete. Most pay for their registration. Albany also pays for 2 hours because they get 2 hours of classroom credit.

Dan Wood from Brattain offered to BBQ for all three rodeos providing the burgers. He would like approximate numbers within a week or two so they know how much to bring. They are also providing hats for the judges.

Sweet Home will provide type A's

Bend and Albany will provide type C's

Eugene will provide Transits

Sunshine: Lorie Robinson received a card and a \$20 gift card to say thank you for bringing great dinners to the OPTA Forums. Daryl Jefferson has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. He is still working but is in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Education: The last OPTA Forum - Training 102 had good information. Craig Pruitt from ODE, Reynolds, Salem-Keizer, Vurlee from Head Start, Lebanon, and Albany were in attendance. The next President will decide if this will be continued. NAPT has on-line courses that are very good. The professional development fund may pay for these. Check it out in your district if you are interested.

Winter Workshop: Deborah found a trailer for \$4500. At Diamond sales in Halsey, It's a 16x7 tandem axel. The \$500 left from the allotted \$5000 to purchase a trailer will be used to equip it. Later we would like to put our logo on it. State has agreed to insure it for us. Thank you to them. It is being housed in Sweet Home under cover.

Chris got a call from Allen Bean; he wanted a copy of our workshop video. He would also like to incorporate our video into his training. His idea is to expand on the video to include how to handle different events that happen on the bus. This would mean we would have to have the kids come back for a couple days of shooting and hiring Derek Cox to film and edit. The cost of this would be around \$2500. We should look at sharing the expenses, and then we could also utilize the same video for our training. After some discussion it was decided we would;

1. Ask if he would foot the whole bill since he makes money on his workshops
2. See if he would pay half
3. If he will pay none of the expense we leave the video as is.

Denice moved we would be willing to pay half, LD 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. By the time we are finished paying for the Winter Workshop we will be in the hole by about \$1000.

Membership: Nothing at this time

Old Business: Nominations for offices:  
President – Kevin Baker nominated Carl Salstrom  
Vice President – Janet Mauldin nominated Kevin Baker  
Cindy Moran nominated Patty Green

Secretary - Carl Salstrom nominated Kris Freeman  
 Chapter Representative to the State Board-

Cindy Moran nominated Cindy Sim

David Farley wishes to run again

Chris will continue to take nominations and Cindy will make ballots. The vote will be at the next meeting in Bend May 13<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Nothing at this time

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

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 12, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	General Housekeeping; set Drivers' Winter Workshop date & location; set Safety Exercise date & location
November 9, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	State of the State's Pupil Transportation
December 14, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
January 11, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
February 8, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop/Safety Exercise
March 8, Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Safety Exercise
April 12, Tuesday	Corino's, Albany / 11:00 am	Nominate New Officers
May 13, Friday	Bostons, Bend	Elect Officers
June 21, Tuesday	Valley River Inn, Eugene	Install New Officers

Next Meeting Date: May 13, Friday

Next Meeting Location: Boston's, Bend OR