

OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

A non-profit organization



South Willamette Chapter

Date: November 8, 2011
Location: Cascade Grill, Albany, OR
Meeting Called to Order: Carl Salstrom, 11:00 am
Members Present: Chris Ellison, Deborah Maskal, Cindy Moran, David Farley, Kevin Baker, Denice Blake, Shawn Choruby, Diane Clinkscales, Mike Cook, L.D. Ellison, Patricia Green, Steven Huillet, Janet Mauldin, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, David Schetky, Michael Shields, Wilbur Starr, Margaret Zuger, David Phillips

Previous Minutes: Approved

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$12,923.95
Income	\$ 1,925.00
Expenses	\$ 267.64
Ending Balance:	\$14,581.31

Committee Reports

State Board: Chris Ellison discussed some interesting facts that were shared at the NAPT conference. There was a huge indicator that more training needs to be done in the area of transportation of special needs students. Chris is working on developing a special needs safety exercise to perhaps add to the current roadeo exercise.

State of the State – Guest speaker Steven Huillet

- Steven announced that there were two students from Oregon that won awards for the poster contest.
- HB 2081 Commercial Vehicle Idling – Allows the engine of the commercial vehicle to idle for more than five minutes in any continuous 60-minute period. Exceptions to this rule include conditions that would compromise passenger safety, such as: extreme weather conditions.
- HB 3186 Mobile Communication Device - Removes exception for person operating motor vehicle in scope of person's employment from offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device. Steven discussed two cases of school bus drivers that were texting; the final determination for these cases was suspension of their school bus certificates for three years.
- DMV News – New federal rules and state law will require drivers to maintain medical qualifications while holding a CDL beginning January 30, 2012.
- In an effort for DMV to meet federal requirements eventually they will require doctors to become "certified" to do school bus driver physicals.
- School buses are now required to stop at weigh stations if there is a sign indicating for "motor coaches" to pull over. These will be at random stations throughout the state.

- Poster Contest: Chairperson: Maggi Estes. The 11-12 theme is “Stand Back From the Yellow And Black.” Carl will be working closely with Steve in regards to communications with school administrators throughout Oregon to raise the numbers of participants.
- Safety Exercise: Chairperson: Chris Ellison. Springfield School District has offered to host both the chapter and state safety exercises. The equipment for the safety exercise will need to be built as soon as possible. If Ken Dorsey is not able to help with this project, 24J may have someone who can.
- Sunshine: Sweethome has a dispatcher that recently went through surgery; the chapter will send a card.
- Education: LD Ellison has offered to coordinate the Best Practices Forum and develop a calendar of these events. He has offered their location to host the first forum of the year which will be on November 22, 2011; the topic will be Operational Benchmarks. The next forum is TBD.
- Winter Workshop: Co-Chairs: Kevin Baker and David Jorgenson. They are actively seeking a location in Salem and finding the guest speaker. The topic of this years’ winter workshop is student management.
- Membership: Chairperson: Teresa Derochowski. Carl will work with Debra Maskal to obtain a current list of members with contact information.
- Old Business: The poster contest prizes from last year have not been sent yet, Deborah is planning on making contact soon.

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
December 13, 2011 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
January 10, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop
February 14, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Winter Workshop/Safety Exercise
February 25, 2012		SW OPTA Winter Workshop
March 13, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Safety Exercise
April 10, 2012 Tuesday	Cascade Grill, Albany / 11:00 am	Nominate New Officers
May 11, 2012 Friday	Bostons, Bend / 11:00 am	Elect Officers
June 20, 2012 Tuesday	The Riverhouse, Bend OR	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: Carl moved to adjourn the meeting, Denice second.

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