**South Willamette Chapter**

Date: February 12, 2012  
Location: Cascade Grill, Albany, OR  
Meeting Called to Order: Carl Salstrom, 11:00 am  
Members Present: Kris Freeman, David Farley, Kevin Baker, Deborah Maskal, Denice Blake, Diane Clinkscales, Chris Ellison, LD Ellison, Maggi Estes, Cheryl Hicks, David Jorgenson, Janet Mauldin, Cindy Moran, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Craig Pruitt, David Schetky, Michael Shields, Wilbur Starr, Margaret Zuger

Previous Minutes: Approved

Financial Report:  
- **Beginning Balance:** $15,042.32  
- **Income:** $170.00  
- **Expenses:** $1,160.00  
- **Ending Balance:** $14,052.32

**Committee Reports**

State Board: Chris has made great progress on the OPTA Website. Each chapter now has their own site; Chapter Secretaries are now able to load meeting minutes to the website.

The Doug Flatt award is a new award that will be available for people to vote on an outstanding support staff person.

Poster Contest: There have been no entries for the poster contest yet. Michael Shields will send contact information for COSA to Maggi.

Safety Exercise: NW OPTA Regional Safety Exercise – May 5, Hillsboro, OR  
SW OPTA Regional Safety Exercise – May 19, Springfield, OR  
State Safety Exercise – June 2, Springfield, OR – Cindy Moran is the head judge

Chris is gathering more information for this exercise to add an additional Special Ed piece. The added Special Ed event will only be held at the State Safety Exercise not at Regionals and the event will not be required for all small bus drivers, they can opt in or out of the second piece. The second Special Ed event will include an additional written test and they will be scored separately from the regular event.

Sunshine: Maggi asked that a card be sent to Paula Shoulders as she had an accident and is still off work. Diane from Head Start in Bend asked that a card be sent to a driver who is terminally ill. Vurlee will get the contact information from Diane.
Education: The next Best Practice Forum will be held on March 6, in Albany. The topic will be Budgeting.

Winter Workshop: Our current registration numbers have exceeded our expectations. Currently there are over 700 registered. The committee will request that the event be moved from the auditorium to the gymnasium at the school. Schetky will find out if they will be able to provide seat cushions. Craig Pruitt will be responsible for the registration, using the process he has done in the past.

Membership: Cathy Houck is entering the member list to the website for each chapter.

Open Discussion: Michael Shields announced that he now oversees the SK School District Auxiliary Services which is comprised of Central Stores and Reprographics. Central Stores offers school supplies at discounted prices. Reprographics offers print services and can serve any district in Oregon.

LD Ellison has their new/used/ refurbished wrecker available for districts to use.

For the Good-of-the-Order

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Meeting Adjourned: Moved by David Jorgenson and seconded Kevin Baker.

Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2012, 11:00 am

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