OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

A non-profit organization

South Willamette Chapter

Date:

March 12, 2013

Location:

Hole in the Wall, Springfield

Meeting Called to Order:

Carl Salstrom, 11:00 am

Members Present:

Cindy Moran, Chris Ellison, Susan LaBounty, Paul Ulloa, Robert Murray, Teresa Bichsel, Denise Balch, David Jorgenson, Sandi Miller, Wilbur Starr, Dave Goetz, Cheryl Hick, Shawn Choruby, Denice Blake, Craig Pruitt,

Diane Clinkscales, LD Ellison, Chase Schetky, Deborah Maskal

Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved and accepted.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:

\$31,182.40

Income:

\$16,631.45

Expenses:

\$10,196.57

Ending Balance:

\$37,617.28

Committee Reports

State Board:

Craig Pruitt covered some upcoming state bills, see attached.

There is a red light violation date coming up in April.

Conference:

Chris Ellison is working on organizing the golf tournament; the day of the tournament

has not been set yet. The committee is still working on getting speakers for the

conference.

Denice Blake reported that the state chapter approved up to 8K of funds to be used for web development. Chris Ellison said that the web designers have found that they will

be able to add the photo gallery using these funds as well.

Poster Contest:

The theme this year: "At my Stop - You Stop". Handouts will be available at the

winter workshop to promote participation.

Winter workshop:

There were good reports about the winter workshop. There were 578 participants, 64 noshows, and we received 356 surveys. There were good comments about the venue.

Trinket sales were outstanding. We will be ordering more shirts for the safety exercise.

The PayPal idea did not work well due to connectivity issues at the school.

Safety Exercise:

A thank you letter was read regarding the Special Programs piece at the Safety Exercise.

OPTA the energizing leader in promoting safe, efficient student transportation.

The DVD went out to all districts. Discussion about the letter from Horne Enterprises, in Louisiana which complimented the video and also donated \$25.00 to defray the cost of copying and mailing of the DVD. They wish to present the video at the Louisiana Association of School Transportation Officials (LASTO) and wish to purchase the video as training material. Chris will talk with Allan Bean about his thoughts about this and bring them to the board for discussion.

OPTA Trailer & Equipment: Troy will hit the deadline for the equipment. Chris Ellison has agreed to fill the Head Judge duty for regionals. Registration is on the website. The event will be held at Sprague High School, in Salem, on May 18th. The state event will be at Thurston High School, in Springfield, on June 1st.

Sunshine: Wilbur Starr - Chair. Wilbur will send a card to Chris Ellison, Kim Crabtree, and

Janet Mauldin as they are moving to new districts.

Education: David Jorgenson – Chair. The next forum will be a presentation on how to give effective

presentations. The next forum will be held sometime in April.

Old Business: The chapter needs to decide what to do with our old laptop.

New Business: At the next meeting nominations will be taken for President, Vice President, Chapter Rep

to the State Board, and Secretary.

For the Good of the Order

Date	Location	Topic
April 9, 2013	Elmer's, 3950 Market St SE,	Nominate New Officers
Tuesday, 11:00 am	Salem	
May 10, 2013	Black Bear Diner, 14654 NE 2 nd	Elect Officers
Friday, 11:00 am	St, Bend	
June 18, 2013	The Riverhouse, Bend	Install New Officers
Tuesday		

Kris Freeman

From: CROCKETT TJ [tj.crockett@state.or.us]
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 8:41 AM

To: Kris Freeman Subject: Bill Update

From: CROCKETT TJ

Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:30

To: PRUITT Craig (Craig.Pruitt@ode.state.or.us)

Subject: Bill Update

HB 2300

HB 2500

HB2876

April 8th is the deadline for a work session to be scheduled in the first chamber of the legislature, and all bills must be out of committee by April 18th in the first chamber.

Requires school transportation providers to have in-house drug and alcohol testing programs or be members of consortium that provides testing. Requires MRO to report positive drug tests to DMV for possible inclusion in the driving record and requires MRO to report to ODE. Passed in the Senate (28-0-2), currently at the House Committee on Education.

Revised method of calculating transportation grant from State School Fund. Allows district school board to determine distances beyond which school district will provide transportation. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013. Voted out of the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development without a recommendation of passage on 4/2 (work session only), currently at the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue. (This committee is exempt from the deadlines listed below)

Authorizes cities and school districts to use cameras to record drivers failing to obey traffic control devices that mounted on school buses. Establishes citation procedures, including sign requirements. Provides that photographs may be submitted into evidence only to prove or disprove failure to obey traffic control device. Currently at the Senate Committee on Judiciary (public hearing held on 3/19).

Defines commercial driving privileges for purposes of Oregon Vehicle Code. Describes persons who hold commercial driving privileges for purposes of Oregon Vehicle Code. Adds commercial learner permit, endorsements and restrictions. Effective on passage. Operational date of July 8, 2014 (sooner if DMV can make it happen). Passed in the House (56-2-2), currently at the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation.

Requires Director of State Department of Energy to promote use of compressed natural gas (including on school buses). Takes effect on the 91st day following sine die. Currently at the House Committee on Energy and Environment.

Expands types of costs that qualify as approved transportation costs for purposes of State School Fund distributions. Allows expenditures made to improve safety for students traveling to school by means that are not provided by the school district and that does not include a motor vehicle. Currently at the House Committee on Education awaiting a work session (public hearing held on 3/11). This bill has a subsequent committee referral to the House Committee on Revenue and then Ways and Means prior to going to the floor.

Considers transportation costs incurred by public charter school to be same as transportation costs incurred by school district. Currently in the House Committee on Education with a subsequent referral to the House Committee on Revenue and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 3043

Prohibits school district from expending moneys received to replace school buses if school district enters into contract with private entity to provide student transportation. Effective July 1, 2013. Currently at the House Committee on Education (public hearing held on 3/20). Bill sponsored by committee.

HB 3044

Allows transportation expenses incurred for any school-related activity to be eligible for reimbursement from State School Fund. (Currently only field trips that are extensions of classroom learning are reimbursable). Currently at the House Committee on Education (public hearing held on 3/20). Subsequent Referrals to House Committee on Revenue and Ways and Means before going to House Floor. Bill sponsored by committee.

1st Chamber Deadlines:

April 8:

Work session must be scheduled.

April 18:

Work session must be complete (moved out of committee to the floor)

2nd Chamber Deadlines:

May 20:

Work session must be scheduled.

May 31:

Work session must be complete (moved out of committee to the floor)

Bills must have a work session in order to be voted out of committee.

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