

# OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: April 14, 2015  
Location: Novak's Hungarian Restaurant, Albany  
Meeting Called to Order: Cindy Moran, 11:05 AM  
Members Present: Cindy Moran, Deborah Maskal, LD Ellison, Ben Silebi, Michael Cape, Wilbur Starr, Shawn Choruby, Denise Balch, David Farley, Joanna Morris, William Swift, Michelle Saavedra, Sandi Miller, David Jorgenson, Craig Pruitt, T.J. Crockett

Previous Minutes: One typographical error in the winter workshop section-should be "forum" instead of "form." Will be corrected. A motion was made by Deborah Maskal to accept the minutes with this correction, seconded by Sandi Miller, approved.

Financial Report:	Beginning Balance:	\$38,567.05
	Income	\$ 3,539.39
	Expenses	<u>\$10,617.10</u>
	Ending Balance:	\$31,489.34

Income was received from winter workshop registration and trinket sales monies received. Expenses were related to the winter workshop, registration and upgrades to the OPTA trailer, and state membership dues. A motion was made by Wilbur Starr to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Michael Cape, approved.

## ***Committee Reports***

State Board: The site for the state safety exercise has been changed from the Lane County Fairgrounds to Thurston HS in Springfield. This change was made as the total price for renting the fairgrounds was around \$1800, while Thurston HS is available for no charge. A motion was made by Michelle Saavedra to make a donation of \$500 to the Springfield Schools Foundation for use of Thurston HS, seconded by LD Ellison, approved.

ODE Report: Craig Pruitt provided an update to TJ's report on pending legislation (see attachment). Behind-the-wheel training had 48 participants, of which 46 successfully completed the course. Updated driver training records have been posted, including participation in the winter workshop.

Poster Contest: The deadline for posters has been extended. Posters are now due by May 14. Denise has received posters from one classroom in her district.

- Safety Exercise:** The South Willamette and Northwest OPTA safety exercises will be held concurrently on May 2, 2015, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. Assistance will be needed to help set up tables and chairs. Set-up will be on Friday, time TBA. T.J. Crockett will round up staffing for the scoring room. Coffee will be provided by Western Bus Sales. The cost of judges' lunches will be picked up by Brattain International. The lunches themselves will be provided by Kathy Calkins (David Douglas SD). Donuts will be provided by Schetky NW. No additional water is needed, as we still have a large amount left over from the winter workshop. Awards and year bars have been ordered. David Jorgenson will check with Kevin Baker about bringing the Salem-Keizer sound system for use at the event. Printing will be done by Eugene SD. The preliminary number of buses needed is: transit-12, conventional-12, mini-6. David Farley will work with Tim O'Connell on course layout.
- There was discussion about how to streamline the event. Should the awards ceremony be one large event or split up by chapter? Could the test review be held during the event? (It has been done that way in the past, with two review sessions, to allow everyone interested to take part). Do participation awards need to be announced?
- Sunshine:** Ken Dorsey (retired, Springfield SD)-wife's illness  
Cindy Moran (Albany SD)-death in family
- Education:** No updates.
- Winter Workshop:** No updates.
- Scholarship:** There were five total applicants, and one was withdrawn. The winner selected was Kristian Kalina (Sherwood SD).
- Old Business:** Summer conference speaker fees: The state board requested \$2500 to assist in covering the cost of speakers for the summer conference. This would cover 2-3 speakers, along with \$500 for the Peggy Burns teleconference. A motion to provide the \$2500 was made by Deborah Maskal, seconded by Michael Cape, approved.
- New Business:** None
- Open Discussion:** David Jorgenson raised a question about how districts were preparing for the addition of full-day kindergarten in the 2015-2016 school year, especially pertaining to potential reduction in hours for drivers. Cindy Moran indicated that in Albany, opportunities in other departments (food service, custodial, instructional assistant positions in schools) are being made available to drivers. Sandi Miller noted that in Eugene, all mid-day routes are posted as temporary and must be eventually bid, and that they have big bus drivers that drive special programs mid-day routes.

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

Future Meetings:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
May 15, 2015 Friday	Bend/TBA	Safety Exercise/Elect Officers
June 15, 2015 Monday	Eugene/Valley River Inn State Conference	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 PM

Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2015

Next Meeting Location: Bend (location TBA)