

# OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

*A non-profit organization*



## ***South Willamette Chapter***

Date: October 18, 2016  
Location: Black Bear Diner, Bend  
Meeting Called to Order: Sandi Miller, 11:00 AM

Members Present: TJ Crockett, Kim Crabtree, Diane Clinkscales, Marcy Hirko, Kimberly Mercer, Christina Cathcart, Janelle Bennett Gossett, Chris Ellison, Patty Harper, Tim O'Connell, Michelle Saavedra, Keith Bowers, Sandi Miller, David Farley, Michael Shields, Kathy Murphy, Shawn Choruby, Cindy Moran, Cheryl Hicks, Brenda Tunnell, David Jorgenson

Previous Minutes: None. May/June minutes will be reviewed at November meeting.

Financial Report: No report. The SW OPTA account has been transferred from Deborah Maskal to Carla Tysor, Sandi Miller will also be added.

### ***Committee Reports***

State Board: No updates-first state board meeting is immediately following today's chapter meeting. For the summer conference, Michael Shields currently has 10-12 speakers lined up, and is working on the schedule. Ryan Hahn will be coordinating the trade show, and Roger Contreras may assist.

ODE Report: T.J. Crockett reports that ODE is currently working on rules and evaluating annual reports (there are still 25% missing). Scott is currently at a Q\*Straint training. Craig and T.J. will be attending the upcoming NASDPTS workshop. There are current legislative proposals regarding transit passes, seat belts, and transportation funding. There may also be more traction on seat belts, due to a recent change in the NHTSA position. ODE will also be stepping back a bit from involvement in OPTA-related activities. Due to ODE availability, chapter meetings will now typically be held the first Tuesday of each month.

Poster Contest: Christina Cathcart will lead this year. There was discussion on whether this was worth continuing, based on small turnout over the last few years.

Safety Exercise: No chairperson as of yet, will be revisited next month.

Sunshine: Kim Crabtree will chair. Card needed for Pat Green, recently retired director from Central SD.

Education: David Jorgenson will chair. No educational forum for this month (October) or next month (November), due to scheduling of meeting locations.

**Winter Workshop:** Sandi Miller is chairing the Winter Workshop. There will be a focus on student management this year, utilizing current events as a basis for discussion. Sandi is considering having Patrick Mulick as the keynote speaker (he has a \$2,000 all-inclusive charge for 4 hours of presentation time). She is looking at South Eugene HS as a potential location. Diane Clinkscales would also like to have something included for preschool/head start drivers. A motion was made by Tim O'Connell to allocate \$2,000 to secure Patrick Mulick as a speaker, seconded by David Jorgenson. Approved.

**Membership:** Cindy Moran will chair. A discussion was held about the reason for lack of increase in membership. Part of it could be geography, part of it could be attributed to the lack of perceived value from potential members. Email reminders and phone calls could help, along with a preview/summary of the educational forums each month.

**Scholarship:** Michelle Saavedra will chair. For the summer conference scholarship, we need to get the word out earlier. Recipients of the safety exercise scholarship are determined at the summer conference.

**Old Business:** Chris Ellison is working on the DVD for the 2016 Winter Workshop. He is looking at 5-6 hours of ODE credit for the workshop video. He is running into issues with distribution, as it will not fit on a DVD due to size (it would take several DVDs). Chris mentioned that he could put the presentations on 32 GB flash drives, which would cost \$8.71 each. For the 300 copies, plus cases, the total cost would be approximately \$3,250. David Farley made a motion to allocate \$3,250 for production and distribution, seconded by Christina Cathcart. Approved.

Chris Ellison discussed potential event changes-remove serpentine, add left-hand turn event in order to mirror International competition. With this in mind, Chris would also like to reconfigure the SW OPTA trailer to increase storage and to better accommodate the Gator. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$4,500, with a build time of 8 weeks. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**New Business:** David Jorgenson has been approached by Training Network about OPTA purchasing training products/videos. The consensus was "no", as OPTA, ODE, and member districts prefer to design/produce their own trainings, tailored to their drivers/districts.

**Open Discussion:** None

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

Future Meetings:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
November 1, 2016 Tuesday	Salem/Geppetto's Restaurant 11:00 AM-General Meeting	Winter Workshop
December 6, 2016 Tuesday	Eugene	Winter Workshop
January 10, 2017 Tuesday	Salem	Winter Workshop
February 7, 2017 Tuesday	Albany	Winter Workshop/Safety Exercise
March 7, 2017 Tuesday	Roseburg	Safety Exercise
April 4, 2017 Tuesday	Eugene	Safety Exercise/Nominate New Officers
May 5, 2017 Friday	Bend	Safety Exercise/Elect Officers
June 19-23 Monday-Friday	Bend Summer Conference	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: November 1, 2016

Next Meeting Location: Salem-Geppetto's Restaurant