

OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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South Willamette Chapter

Date: November 1, 2016
 Location: Geppetto's Restaurant, Salem
 Meeting Called to Order: Sandi Miller, 11:00 AM

Members Present: Craig Pruitt, Tim O'Connell, Michelle Saavedra, Sandi Miller, Shawn Choruby, Rich Sanner, David Jorgenson, Michael Cape, Carla Tysor

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the May and October meetings were reviewed. Michael Cape made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Michelle Saavedra. Approved.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 32,961.09
Income	\$ 826.91
Expenses	<u>\$ 12,571.79</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 21,216.21

In an update, the account has not been switched to reflect the current SW OPTA treasurer. The bank requests a roster of last year and this year's board members, along with the date of incorporation of the SW OPTA chapter included on the meeting minutes.

The 2016-2017 OPTA South Willamette Chapter board was voted in at the May 10, 2016 meeting and installed at the June 21, 2016 meeting.

<u>Board Position</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
President	Sandi Miller	Sandi Miller
Vice-President	David Jorgenson	David Jorgenson
Secretary	Denise Newton	Denise Newton
Treasurer	Deborah Maskal	Carla Tysor
Chapter Representative	David Farley	David Farley

Committee Reports

State Board: First meeting of the year was held on 10/18/16. There was information shared about the summer conference. Teri Brady will serve as the NW Past President for 2016-2017. There was discussion about OPTA representation at the state legislature, although no formal decisions were made on what this would look like

or who would fill this role. There was also discussion about bus driver recruitment and what methods have been successful in various districts.

ODE Report: Craig relayed from Scott that there have been 116 crashes involving school buses so far this school year, of which the driver was at fault in 81. Over 50% of these involved a fixed object. They are still working on rules; if you receive anything for review, feedback should be sent to ODE in a timely manner. Craig encourages everyone to get on the ODE listserv, as they regularly send out important information. ODE has also been busy doing presentations/outreach at school sites with “Buster the Bus”. Examiner recertification is going well, with less than 10 incomplete at this point. Inactive examiners should recertify, just in case-some districts are having to travel a long way to access an examiner. Districts should also have at least one inactive examiner for back-up. They are currently processing and uploading class information, and are almost caught up.

Michael Cape shared that he is working with State Rep. Brian Boquist (R-Tillamook) on sponsoring legislation for stop arm cameras. More information will be forthcoming. There are still questions about funding and enforcement. Previous attempts at stop arm cameras have come from vendors. One unresolved issue is who receives monies collected from citations issued-districts, vendors, or others? Craig mentioned that ODE is currently collecting information on the effectiveness of these cameras, including if there are issues caused by bus drivers using improper technique when completing red-light stops.

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. SW will continue to support this, as long as there is someone willing to lead.

Safety Exercise: No chairperson as of yet, will be revisited next month. Tim O’Connell will be in touch with the state fairgrounds to see if it would be available for this year’s events, along with trying to confirm dates.

Sunshine: Stuart Barton (Salem-Keizer, driver)-passed away
John Shafer (Shafer’s Bus Service, Banks)-illness in family

Education: No education forum for this month, due to availability of meeting space. David Jorgenson will work on something for next month. Sandi Miller suggested that Chris Ellison and Michael Shields share news/experiences from the upcoming NAPT/NASDPTS conferences in January-David will check on this.

There was discussion about propane-powered buses, and end-user experiences. A question was raised about using these buses on long trips; it can work well, as long as enough prior planning is done on fueling locations. Tim O’Connell has been working with his department on generating a list of fueling sites in cities where they send buses, he will share this when it is complete. He mentioned that in addition to commercial fueling sites, they also have a reciprocal agreement in place with Tigard-Tualatin SD for fueling buses when they are in the Portland area. A question was raised if these reciprocal agreements could also work for diesel fueling, as per gallon price available to districts is cheaper than it is

commercially. Sandi Miller indicated that these buses have been received favorably by Eugene SD drivers. There can also be a considerable fuel cost savings for propane vs. diesel.

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 has confirmed Patrick Mulick as the keynote speaker. Planning is ongoing.

Membership: No updates.

Scholarship: No updates. Any individuals interested in participating on the scholarship committee should get in contact with Michelle Saavedra.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Open Discussion: None

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
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: 12:40 PM

Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2016

Next Meeting Location: Eugene