South Willamette Chapter

Date: October 12, 2017

Location: Gepetto’s Restaurant, Salem

Meeting Called to Order: David Jorgenson, 11:15 AM

Members Present: Kim Patten, Rich Sanner, Craig Pruitt, Joni Olsen, Kevin Kramer, David Jorgenson, Carla Tysor, Wilbur Starr, Denise Newton

Financial Report:

- Beginning Balance: $22,817.21
- Income: $0.00
- Expenses: $0.00
- Ending Balance: $22,817.21

Committee Reports

State Board: Looking for three individuals to assist with state conference.

ODE Report: Accidents based on the stack today, over 80. 26 parked cars and 25 fixed objects. 14 in July 16 in August 43 September 6 for October. 60 District owned and 14 contractors, 3 private schools and finally 3 by Head Start or ESDs. Please file reports within 72 hours, so when we receive calls we have answers. We do get calls

Mobile Safety: We have an almost new “spare” Buster that can be used in schools when we can’t get there. Need Library loan agreement signed first. Buster is out traveling, if you wish for us to come to your area send us an email, and we will see if he can be put on the schedule.

We do provide Safety Patrol training and in some cases the equipment. We are presently out of Flags, they are on order.

- Cell phone law does not exclude school bus drivers, unless they use portable handheld radios on route.
- Rules going before the state board for first reading
  - Volunteer Background Checks – as we work through the new FBI requirements, this will likely mean we are telling school districts less about their drivers, especially when we deny for driving or criminal history. The information we will share is basically (they don’t qualify). Probably means we need to formalize the process of rejecting new drivers, so we anticipate some changes.
Minimum Standards – updating to account for VW money and new technology. Public Hearing in November, hopeful adoption in December. Will send on listserv, feel free to share comments.

School Finance Rule – Updating non reimbursable mileage to 2.52/1.27 this year, 2.62/1.31 next year; clarifying that marginal cost calculation may be applied to all non-eligible riders; allowing school district to include VW money received as “cost to the school district”, so that it does not reduce their reimbursement to retrofit, repower or replace school buses.

- We can share that we are going to be starting visits again… Process will look different. Request for data has already gone out.
- We’ve got staff going to NASDPTS (Scott, T.J., and Sarah)
- Electronic Fingerprinting implementation, we are oh so close!

Examiner Program

- Returns from DMV as rejected are still the norm. Most are dealing with two mile Urban, and speeds over 45 MPH (I do not check). I anticipate some changes to the appendix of the manual
- Examiner Reviews by DMV have not occurred since Bill’s retirement. ODE may be involved in that process to get them back on schedule.

Training Programs:

- New programs to be placed in the library are being developed
- This year 12 have been reviewed, Last year we reviewed 113
- Most are coming in correct with the needed information

Poster Contest: Discussion on continuing with the poster contest

Safety Exercise: David Jorgenson has volunteered as chairperson.

Sunshine: Kevin Baker-Salem Keizer
Kim Crabtree-Bend
Springfield School District-loss of Diana Whitmire

Education: Possible future topics: McKinney-Vento, Bidding processes, PBIS/Racial equity, Inclement Weather

Winter Workshop: Chris Ellison has volunteered to chair. Distracted driving to be subject. Possible location South Eugene High School. Cost discussion.

Membership Invite your associates

Scholarship: No updates.

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Old Business: None
New Business: Still looking for a new Vice President for the South Willamette Chapter

Open Discussion: None

For the Good-of-the-Order

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Meeting Adjourned: 12:55 PM

Next Meeting Date: November 9, 2017

Next Meeting Location: Hole in the Wall BBQ, Springfield