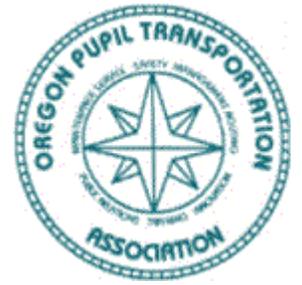


OREGON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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South Willamette Chapter

Date: April 19, 2018
Location: Mariachi Loco Restaurant, Roseburg
Meeting Called to Order: David Jorgenson, 11:15 AM
Members Present: William Swift, Stacey Delgado, Chris Ellison, Bryan Winchester, Carey Smith, Sheri Moothart, Shawn Choruby, Michael Reece, Carla Tysor, Rich Sanner, David Jorgenson

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Carla Tysor to approve the previous minutes as presented, seconded by Bryan Winchester. Approved.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$22,713.74
Income	\$ 447.05
Expenses	<u>\$ 119.39</u>
Ending Balance:	\$23,041.40

Income was received from winter workshop registration and trinket sales monies received. Expenses were related to the winter workshop, trinket purchases, and registration reimbursements. A motion was made by Chris Ellison to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Bryan Winchester. Approved.

Committee Reports

State Board: Last meeting was held 3/16/18 in Bend. State Conference is coming together, with just a few details left needing to be resolved. Dinner on Thursday is now “on your own,” as sponsorship is now unavailable. The original sponsor will now be sponsoring coffee service instead. Hotel rooms are filling up, state members receive a discount. Next State meeting is Tuesday, 5/1/18 in Wilsonville.

There have been issues pertaining to the positions of President and President-Elect. Ryan Hahn has resigned from the position of President-Elect, and Tim O’Connell’s status as president is unknown. The board has chosen to elect a President Pro-Tem to fill in for the remainder of the current school year, and is in the process of filling this position from the existing pool of Past-Presidents, and should be elected soon.

ODE Report: T. J. Crockett is no longer with the department. If you have been living off the grid for the last few weeks, you may have missed that.

VW Monies: Yesterday, Scott spoke with Kevin at DEQ. Here is part of what he said, “We have been told by the legislature, the process for selecting districts and it is random among those with diesel buses in the median model year, which turns out to be about 2006. Our capacity, we think, is to replace about a quarter of the 450 target buses every year. Vehicles selected must meet the definition of a School Bus found in Oregon ORS and OAR 053. Can be a district, private or contracted school bus. Stipulations maybe applied in some cases.”

They are finalizing their contact list for reaching out about the available monies. They still plan to replace 450, at a clip of 25% (about 93 buses per year). The median year came out to be 2006.

BTW class: Class concluded March 30th, with 57 out of 59 participants achieving high enough scores to graduate, or at least achieve a “provisional status”. Most will be receiving their certificate to train around May 1, 2018. The class was the largest we have had in many years. Our biggest concern continues to be attrition among BTW trainers. Over 150 participants have been though the class and certified but the demand for more continues to grow. Scott would encourage transportation departments to review how they select candidates for the classes. Many have been in the industry for only a year, some even less; but they want to send them to our classes. We then lose too many instructors. Instead, locations should make them assistant trainers for at least one year and see if they actually have the aptitude for training. It is so discouraging seeing the revolving door we have created.

Instructor Classes: CORE and Advance units Classes are filling up. If you have people you would like to send, remember it is first come first serve. All required items must be in our hands to be enrolled in the class. Third Party class is also filling up. Make sure you or your person meet the requirements of the class. No admission for those who do not qualify.

DMV Refresher Training: The DMV and our department continue working towards the iLearn part of the recertification process. It has been a slow process and we continue to hope that it will be up soon. However, we do not have a date. If you are an examiner who did not reach the 10-test minimum, you might want to look at your past involvement. Since this is a hard fast number driven by Federal rule, there is little ODE or DMV can do to reduce the impact. You may want to find ways to achieve this number or plan to go through some additional requirements. The days of, “I only test for my District or my company” may not be in your best interest.

Examiner Evaluations: We are also looking at a combined activity involving ODE and DMV to complete this year’s examiners review. Approximately 45 third party examiners are on the examiner list for this year. The current plan is to conduct those in Salem on a specific day. Examiners will receive notice with a sign up through iLearn. DMV will provide the “Auditors”. ODE will set up the location and provide the drivers and equipment. The tentative days are: one in June, one in July or August, and one in October (during the State wide in-service day Oct. 12, 2018). Since this review is part of program requirements we have had since the early 1990’s, the change involves frequency and location. Current rule requires all third party examiners to go through this review every two years (past time line was three years). If you have questions, contact Nick Hopper (503) 945-5118.

DMV is restructuring their Third Party Examiner Program and new people are coming onboard to assist with the administration. For now, Nick will serve as the main contact. His email is; Nick.G.Hopper@odot.state.or.us

Miscellaneous: Summer Conference planning is going along very well, as is the Post Conference. Watch the OPTA website for upcoming announcements. Accidents (390+) continue to outpace new bus purchases for 2017-18 and fixed objects and parked vehicles continue to lead the way.

Safety Exercise: The South Willamette and Northwest OPTA safety exercises will be held concurrently on May 5, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Eugene. The State Safety Exercise will take place June 2, 2018 at the same location. Trophies have been ordered. Brattain will provide Judges' lunches, Schetky will provide donuts, and Western will provide water and soda. Set-up will take place Friday evening and will be completed Saturday morning.

Sunshine: Tim O'Connell, Bend-LaPine (on leave)

Education: No updates.

Winter Workshop: No updates.

Old Business: None

New Business: SW OPTA Officer nominations: President: David Jorgenson, Vice-President: Ryan Dougherty, Treasurer: Carla Tysor, Chapter Representative: None at this time. Nominations will also be accepted at the May meeting.

Online hosting of chapter meetings: Discussion was held about utilizing Internet-based options for allowing remote attendance of meetings, such as GoToMeeting. Chris suggested that "Facebook Live" may be a great option-will need to look at how to pull this off, as some districts block access to Facebook. David will visit with Chris and Ryan Dougherty about this for next year.

Meeting Scheduling/Attendance: With attendance difficulties at chapter meetings, should the number of meetings per year be reduced, or should meeting locations be re-visited? A discussion was held, and attendees from the southern end of the state definitely see value in meetings being held in the area at least 1-2 times per year.

Open Discussion: Stacey Delgado brought up that districts in the Medford/Ashland/Grants Pass area hosts an annual bus driver workshop (this year it is August 9-10 in Grants Pass). Stacey and Carey are looking for instructors to come and teach. They have upwards of 120 drivers attending. Please get in touch with them if you need more information or would like to help out.

For the Good-of-the-Order

Future Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
May 29, 2018 Tuesday	Albany/Carino's Restaurant	Safety Exercise/Elect Officers
June 19, 2018 Tuesday	Eugene/Eugene Hilton (Summer Conference)	Install New Officers

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 PM

Next Meeting Date: May 29, 2018

Next Meeting Location: Albany/Carino's Restaurant