Date: January 28, 2020
Location: Sizzler, Springfield Oregon
Meeting called to order: 11:30
Members present: Joanna Morris, Ashleigh Barley, Carla Tysor, David Jorgenson, Ryan Dougherty, Sarah Jones, Maggi Estes, Nicky McCormick, Rich Sanner, Peggy Sim, Chris Ellison, Robert Manzi, Wilbur Starr, and Tanya Adams

Previous minutes: Motion was made by Maggi Estes to approve minutes with corrections. Carla Tysor did second. Approved.


ODE Report: FMCSA database-needs to be part of pre-employment check. If it shows a positive, driver must show that they met SAP return-to-duty testing before hire. Contact ODE if you have any questions. No progress on Flo’s replacement at this time. ODE was in Beaverton today on a site visit.

State Board: Chris Ellison report’s our last State Board meeting was January 16, 2020. The summer conference is shaping up nicely. Tentative schedule: Monday will be golf; Tuesday is Pre Conference. Wednesday 9-5, Thursday 8-4; Friday 8-3:30. We are looking for help with the tech side of things. What would your mechanics like to see? Pre-Conference training session will be held off site at Reynolds. Audio equipment: Only things left to buy are the projectors, screens, and misc. cables. Chris Ellison asked if SW would be sponsoring a break for summer conference. Carla made motion for SW to donate $2500 for a break. Robert Manzi second. Approved.
Safety exercise: Will be held at Reynolds Middle School on May 2, 2020. With the State being held at Eugene Baptist Church. Eugene has stored OPTA trailer for many years now. N.Clackamas has generously said they could store it. The wrap on the trailer is 10 years old and still looks brand new. We want to make sure it stays that way and is under cover if stored at their facility.

Winter Workshop: We are looking for helpers for the workshop. If you would like to help with donuts, parking, lunch or cleaning up. Please email Chris Ellison. Western, Schetky, and Peterson IC Bus will be donating water, soda, donuts coffee and pens. Chris E met with ODE regarding the video we will get 3 hours of classroom credit.

NW Winter workshop is March 13, 2020 from 9-1 p.m. The topic is “Becoming Part of the Family” Building great Communication, Reputation and Relationships within your District. The cost is $30 with lunch included.

Education: Rich Sanner from Peterson IC Bus shared that they provide training to the customers with specialties in truck, engines and buses. Contact your rep to see what they offer in your area. He also brought Peggy Sim along with him today. She is in charge of Service and Mobile repair appointments for the state of Oregon.

Sara Jones from Western says they are doing ride and drives for the Blue Bird All American Rear Engine Electric School bus on Friday, February 28th from 10:30 to 1:30 pm. Western also has a 3rd field service tech up and running his name is Kyle.

Kevin Kramer from Schetky says that Thomas came out with a dual USB port and an auto reverse door. Which is like an elevator door meaning it will reopen if something is detected in its path.

New Business: What can we do to get more people to attend? What would you like to get from SW OPTA? After hours training? Let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Sunshine: George Scott Monmouth (bereavement)

For the Good-of-The-Order

Future Meetings: February 11, 2020 Springfield/Sizzler
March 10, 2020 Springfield/Sizzler
April 14, 2020 Springfield/Sizzler
May 12, 2020 Springfield/Sizzler

Meeting Adjourned: David Jorgenson made motion to adjourn 12:45pm