

OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
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State Board of Directors
January 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chris Ellison, Keith Wright, Cindy Moran, Kathy Houck, Kim Crabtree, Teri Brady, Mary Conger, and Steven Huillet

Members Missing:

Michael Shields, Denice Blake, Janet Mauldin, Pat Green, Carl Salstrom, David Farley.

Guest:

Jim Silke

Call to order at 11:10 pm at the Old Church-McMenamin's, Wilsonville, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the November 17 meeting, they were approved.

Financial Report:

Kathy read Check register and Banking Summary. Both were approved by the board.

Jim gave a wonderful presentation about Silke Communication. Included direction company is headed, projects they are working on, national weather service, State Radio Project, (State Emergency Broadcasting System) and 31 towers, and adding 5-6 more this year. He also talked about some of the districts using Silke and his maintenance fleet and what they can do to help with repairs and such. Silke is to provide handheld radios for the State Safety Exercise.

Chapter Reports:

Northwest: Winter Workshop on track, scheduled for 3.19.12. Theme is "Service in Transportation" at \$30.00, including lunch. The summer workshop is now chaired by Patricia Baker. It is in Oregon City, August 7-10. They are talking about sending postcards to the Instructors and having a Committee meeting in early February. Rodeo has been set at Hillsboro High School, (Hilhi). NW is still discussing what to do about the Safety poster contest and the awards. The

banks are getting more difficult to buy the savings bonds. Next meeting is 2.12.12 and the roundtable discussion is on Accident/Incident and Preventability.

South Willamette Valley: Winter Workshop set. The flyers went out for 2.25.12. the theme is "How to have the students mind without losing yours". \$25.00 for workshop and \$5.00 for lunch. The Bus Sellers are bringing buses for participants to look at. They will have a best practices forum about Budgeting and Processes in Albany. SWV is also working on an electronic newsletter that could be Quarterly or Half Yearly. (like the old "eight way flasher newsletter") .

Committee Reports:

Conference- Lunch will stay the same at \$15.00, Banquet tickets will go up to \$30.00 so we are closer to breaking even. Trade show will go up to \$250.00.

Speakers- Steven needs 2 speakers still. The PDS courses will be: # 405 and STN # 101. He is basically looking for confirmations to have it locked in.

Chris will talk to Michael to get dates. The new award is the "Doug Flatt Award" it is sponsored by Mid Columbia Bus Company. It is for Support Staff.

Legislative – Steven said they are coming back into session. They open 2.1.12 and have to close by 3.5.12. There are currently no Transportation Bills and 12 Education Bills.

Poster – Mary found out that banks will no longer sell savings bonds. Kathy will ask the Auditors about "gifts"

Safety Exercise- Thurston High School is the location on June 2, 2012.

Old Business: Website has been updated and each Chapter has its own page.

New Business: it was posed as a question about creating a new position (non-voting) for a Communication Officer that would work on Website postings and newsletter?

There was also a thought about looking at doing a Tri State Conference with Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. The Board talked briefly about the idea and decided it was best to do your own as of all the in state/ out of state travel restrictions and also the idea of having to make a day specific to each state and then what would the others do?

The Board decided they would put on a "Sped Safety Exercise" this year. It will be the same day as the State. A committee was formed and will have a meeting

to discuss. It will be a learning experience and we could change and try something different next year based on what works and doesn't

Good of the Order- Reynolds School District Transportation? Has partnered with "Sno Cap". The Drivers volunteer 2 nights a month, drivers donate time bagging food and then distribute to schools. The administrator then gives to the kids who need through the schools.

Future Meetings:

03/08/12 – Hole in the Wall BBQ in Springfield

05/17/12 – Bend, OR. @ Riverhouse

06/18/12 – Pre-Conference @ Riverhouse

Leadership group will read Section 1 (chapters 1 & 2). Review the 5 concepts book emphasizes before next meeting on 3.8.12

Meeting Adjourned 14:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Keith Wright

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