

State Board of Directors

January 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

David Farley, Cindy Moran, Cindy Sim, Carl Salstrom, Kris Freeman, Janet Mauldin, Denice Blake, Chris Ellison, Kathy Houck, Deborah Lincoln, Teri Brady, Mary Conger, Kim Crabtree

Members Missing:

Keith Wright

Call to order at 11:15 at Elmer's, Salem, OR

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the November 15 meeting, they were approved after minor amendments.

Financial Report:

Kathy read the check register and banking summary. Award money has been paid for the Poster Contest winners. Both were approved by the board. Conversation in regard to paying the NASDPTS renewal. It was agreed we would continue with the membership.

Chapter Reports:

Northwest: Teri B.- Held last meet at Schetky NW. Good turnout. Safety exercises are being held in Hood River on 5/4. Winter workshop being held at Monarch Hotel on 3/18, still working on speakers. August workshop will be August 6-9, a committee is working on this, in lieu of one person. Most of the meeting was discussing concerns with the BTW new manual with T.J.. There was a hands on presentation with a special needs bus courtesy of Schetky. Looking for chapter secretary as Patricia B has stepped down.

South Willamette Valley: Carl S.- Held meeting at Hole in the Wall. Poster chair (Maggie) has stepped down. Denise Balch with Salem Keizer will take over. They have 2 speakers lined up for their Winter Workshop- Peter Lawrence and Pete Meslin. A thank you to Chris E. on his work securing these speakers. Safety exercises will be held at Sprague on 5/18. Educational Forum on 1/31 5:30-7:30, subject- Benefits & Limitations of cameras, GPS , Zonar, etc.. RSVP to Albany. \$5.00 if NOT an OPTA member.

Committee Reports:

Conference- Theme is Journey to A New Beginning. Schetky will sponsor Monday Night, Brattain will sponsor Tuesday lunch, Seon will be sponsoring a golf tourney, and Western will continue their sponsorship of dinner. Committee met prior to Board meeting. Working on speakers- have secured Chris Moore. Looking at having a Forum for Vendors. Speaker ideas- Funding- How it works at the State level, How to set up a Safety Committee or How can we better use someone from OSHA or SAIF.

Chris discussed hotel contracts. VRI would have a \$51,000 cancellation fee if we pulled from their venue. If we agree to 2015, 2017, 2019 the fee will be waived. We have agreed. Riverhouse wanted us to sign for 2016, we have not at this point- after the 2013 conference we will consider. Riverhouse is giving us a 3-5% discount off our total bill, tried to negotiate the same with VRI, but they were not willing. May try and propose a partnership w/their logo on our website for discounts. Chris will explore this.

Poster- Mary reported the theme- **AT MY STOP YOU STOP**. TJ will help get the information to the schools. Please give hand out to your school secretaries.

Safety Exercises- State Safety Exercises--Location has been confirmed- Thurston High. Manual being updated.

Web Report-Chris- All sponsors re-upping. Much discussion about being able to renew on line via paypal. VERB would need to create the forms. 1st form will cost about \$5000, additional forms will cost about \$1200. A photo gallery will cost about \$1080. The discussion following agreed that membership lists for renewals and workshops should be our first focus. A motion was made to increase our Tech budget to \$8000 to help with these additional costs. Motion was approved. A thought was brought up to ask chapters to help pitch in on the expense as this would benefit them also with possible increased membership. Members will bring to their chapters.

Legislative-Deborah-Governor had a meeting. Concerns were expressed about transportation taking dollars from the classroom. They may be looking at the funding formula. We need experts in the field to be presenting to the Legislature. Need OPTA and NASDPTS to “politic” for the true value of transportation. We need to be presenting the facts to help preserve the funding formula.

Old Business: None

New Business: Deborah Lincoln is currently working her job and Steven’s old job. The department is just starting the process to determine whether or not they will be hiring someone to replace Steven. In the meantime, Deborah is doing her best to cover both jobs. Please email her if things are getting missed.

Chris Ellison- Anti-Bullying DVD going out next week. Program has been approved for 3 Hours Credit. Chris is considering putting a class together at the Summer Conference on how to teach this program. School Bus Fleet magazine is doing an article on this program! ODE will assist with the mailing of this to districts, per Deborah.

Photo copier- We need a new one. The old one has died. Do we really want to buy one for just one conference per year. David F. to look into the option of renting one for this week.

Good of the Order- None at this time.

Future Meeting:

3/21/13- Portland @ TBA Teri B will work on

5/16/13 –Albany @ Cascade Grill

6/17/13- Pre-Conference @ Riverhouse

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by : Kim Crabtree