

OREGON PUPIL  
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.  
*A non-profit organization*



State Board of Directors  
October 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Denice Blake, Chris Ellison, Keith Wright, Cindy Moran, Kathy Houck, Kim Crabtree, Janet Mauldin, Teri Brady, David Farley, Cindy Sim, Sandi Miller, Deborah Maskal, T.J. Crockett and Michael Wiltfong

Members Missing:

Ryan Hahn.

Guest:

Call to order at 11:17 am at the Cascade Grill Restaurant, Albany, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the June 17 meeting, they were approved after minor amendments.  
(am)

Read Minutes for the June 20 meeting, they were approved.

Financial Report:

Kathy read Banking Summary for the remainder of 12-13 year. It shows we are in the red but there is some outstanding payments from the conference still not in. The Register and Summary for 13-14 were reviewed. Both were approved by the board. An audit has been started and it will be finished today.

Chapter Reports:

*Northwest: Cindy S. – At meeting they picked May 3, 2014 for the NW Safety Exercise. Looking like it will be at Tongue Point in Astoria. There are a few details to work out with the location. Also, decided on March 17, 2014 for the Winter Workshop. They will need to confirm a location. The next meeting is at Hector Campbell Building near N. Clackamas. Kim C. is to work with Elena Mark from PPS who took over for Jean Frazey as Secretary.*

*South Willamette Valley: Cindy M. – They have come up with May 17, 2014 for SWV Safety Exercise. It is tentatively set for Grants Pass. The Next meeting will be in Salem. SWV Winter Workshop will be February 22, 2014. They will be using the Love and*

*Logic Speaker. Cindy Moran is taking over for Carl Salstrom who has retired from the industry. Deborah Maskal will be the designate for Cindy Moran. David J will be the secretary.*

Committee Reports:

**Conference-** haven't had first meeting yet. Will meet in early November. Denice gave speaker material to Janet. We will be at Riverhouse in 13-14. Riverhouse is inviting us for the 15-16 school year. Denice had the idea of looking at the Sun River area and wanted to know if anyone remembers looking in that area before. The Conference Committee will be Janet M., Cindy M., Mary C., Keith W., Sharon P. and others if they want.

**Speakers-** T.J. will be working this area again. Material was given to Janet M as T.J. was not there.

**Legislative –** Michael W. – introduced himself and gave some of his background. Said that the Transportation Grant was a big part of his department. He went to the NAPT conference. He says from a national level Funding seems to be an issue. He also thought more states are combining services like what has happened with his job. He remembered lots of issues with National health care, Sleep Apnea, and Driver Retention as an industry. He also, would like to point out he is grateful to observe and learn. He brings with him a good group of resources and contacts and is excited to work with us. He did add that ODE would be adding a third position to the staff, a kind of mini Craig and T.J.

Possibly looking at three point Seatbelt as NASDPTs changed view on 3 point seatbelts. They have eliminated the “depending on funding clause”. Chris talked briefly about several districts talking about diesel/electric. Had some charge issues related to the throttle position. KC bought 4 electric buses and nobody likes them. Battery technology is just not there. There are issues with the CHG also, one bus ran out and it took 8 hours to equalize pressure to get back to yard. Price is costly because the infrastructure is not there and is expensive to put into place.

**Poster –** Need a chair for this. Mary C. is not interested in doing it again. We think it would be better if it was someone who sits on the board.

**Safety Exercise-** Cindy M. is chair. The State Exercise is going to be on May 31, 2014. A request has been sent to Thurston High as it worked so well last year. Other ideas were Deschutes County Fairground, Redmond High school, and the Old Walmart in Redmond. If in Redmond Bend would provide transit and Redmond could do the conventional. No ideas for Mini, but Portland not opposed to it. Kim Crabtree from Greater Albany is to be Head Judge. Chris E. and David F. have volunteered to assist both Cindy and Kim. It was decided to have 6 Type A buses and 5 in the competition. Bend

**Web Report-** Chris – met with VERB and looked at a “Training” tab. We could put up any Core First Aid or other classes. We could also post the workshops and other trainings that happen around state. In the tab we could also post training material. We have to pay each year for the Domain name but any work above and beyond that we are charged for. Chris thought that \$1000.00 would cover the cost of adding the “training” tab. (pending on budget discussion) Chris needs pictures of Sandy Miller and Ryan Hahn for the website. Chris and Denice would like to change the greeting from Chris and Denice to “from the OPTA Board”. Still need passwords for the Sponsors. We are working with no paper memberships, everything is on the website. Few are using the web site to pay most are still sending checks. Reminder of renewals is hitting some bumps due to not having current email addresses from members.

Old Business: A motion was made for the State Board to pick up all pay pal fees so the entire registration amount goes to the individual chapters. It was approved by the Board. We did pay the NAPT dues this year they were \$200.00.

New Business: Board would like to push forward with the mentoring program. Also a few items about the budget came up. A motion was made to raise the Safety exercise fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 – approved by board. It was decided to have \$2.00 of each of the participant fee go to contestant support. (international and SPED) The board also decided to ask the chapters to increase their support also. \*need to get our membership numbers up, we need to make a public records request for an updated email address list, and we need to update our message about training and the fact that it falls into the 70% reimbursable category.

**Good of the Order-** Beaverton SD produced a Pre-Trip DVD with the Jack Spears Award from 2012. They have donated two copies to OPTA. We will donate them to the ODE Library for check out and use. Chris will ask Jane L about how districts can secure a copy.

Future Meetings: @ 11:00 am. Usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
01/23/14 – Portland @ TBA Teri B will work on  
03/20/14 – Springfield – Hole in the Wall Restaurant  
05/23/14 – Bend – Black Bear Diner  
06/16/14 – Pre-Conference @ Riverhouse 09:00am

Meeting Adjourned 2:21 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted by: Keith Wright  
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