

OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
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State Board of Directors
October 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kim Crabtree, Michael Sheilds, Tim O'Connell , Cindy Moran, Keith Wright, Kathy Houck, Keith Bowers, Casey Jebens, Ryan Hahn, Sandi Miller, David Farley, Chris Ellison, and T.J. Crockett

Members Missing: LD Ellison and David Jorgenson.

Guest: none.

Call to order at 11:09 am at the Cascade Grill Restaurant, Albany, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the May and Both June meetings; approved with amendments to the June 15, 2015 meeting. The May 5th and June 18, 2015 meetings were approved with no changes.

Financial Report:

NATT - still waiting on new lap top. Ryan H will order it with office and quicken this week.

Legislative – T.J. Crockett. –Department has transitioned to the new Director (Sarah Drinkwater) She is from the Office of Learning/Student Services. Pupil Transportation may move to a lower floor (from 3rd). Ongoing work is being done on how to move Pupil Transportation into the 21st century. Really working on language about when Student fund stops paying and other funds start paying. Many side conversations are stemming from the question of: how do you take money from the classroom to fund bus pass (transit) or yellow bus sports practice.

Chapter Reports:

Northwest: Keith B. – The first meeting was in Sherwood. NW covered committees and has most assigned. NW wanted another Joint Safety Exercise. Keith B will talk with Tim O. and see if SWV is interested in one also. NW Covered the idea of a District taking on a committee instead of a group of people from several committees so it was easier for them to meet and work on details. We set up the next meeting for NW OPTA

at PPSST. NW also talked about increasing their groups participation as it seems to be the same districts that are always involved.

South Willamette Valley: Sandi M. – had meeting in Bend. SWV filled committees. SWV voted to continue Membership committee to boost participation. SWV had idea to start training at 10:30 and chapter meeting at 11. They also talked about having evening meetings as a way to see some different people. SWV was open to joint Safety Exercise. SWV talked about Winter Workshop. GAPS go grant and has lifesized dummies and smoke machine looking at impairment goggles that will be donated to ODE Library afterwards. Winter Workshop will be 2/20/16.

Committee Reports:

Conference- Michael S. will chair. Have not set a date for first meeting as of yet.

Speakers- T.J. will be working this area again.

Poster – Need a chair for this. (Strong Leader) there was discussion about whether this is still relevant Does the Board want to disband that? Does Board want to do something else in its place? October is National School Bus Safety Week and Oregon celebrates in April. Ryan H. is working on putting together guidelines on putting together a video concept. There was also discussion on if NAPT is aware of struggle individual states face?

Safety Exercise- Tim O./Keith B./Casey J. to work together on joint Exercise. The State Exercise date is set for 6/4/16 and they will try to do it at State Fairgrounds in Salem.

Web Report- Chris E. – printed out all the responses from last conference survey. Only 16 were finished and returned. May want to do both an electronic and hard copy for next year. Need a bio on Sarah Drinkwater for Conference and member information. Web would like to do a Well Wish for Sarah as a welcome to the neighborhood kind of thing. Web needs Save the Dates information.

Old Business: Linda Bluth to present at conference. Committee looking to amp up the speakers. Conference going to use same format as last year. Maybe a golf tournament on Monday with Vendor sponsored Burger or something....lots of ideas for committee to kick around.

New Business: Ryan H. brought up an idea for Board to consider communicating “how to” on the next group of Supervisors/Directors with spotlighting people throughout our industry showing what we do, how we do it, and how we are good at what we do. Showing the public how we do our jobs. (tie it to the office of learning since we now fall under that heading) we need to market ourselves as an intricate part of the School System – a building block towards getting into the classroom.

We need to promote the positives of our industry to the news media.

Come up with 6 professional initiatives to take back to chapter members clear down to driver/mechanic/router/dispatcher.

T.J. brought up that public utilities promote/advertise so they get the PR piece. Show the public what it is that they do.

Ryan H. brought up another piece to look at - a training schedule that brings a value to our industry. Higher learning issues that OPTA members can tell their bosses about how they are learning new things to make them better employees.

Good of the Order- Michael S. asked the Board about ADA stickers (parking Permits) how do you have one of those and a valid School Bus permit/certificate at the same time? Does the board know of any drivers that do possess both of them?

Chris E. brought up that Eugene has stopped all use of motor coaches for activities due to the recent school bus fatality accident.

Future Meetings: @ 11:00 am. The 4th Tuesday of the month

01/19/16 –TBA

03/15/16 –TBA

05/17/16 – Bend area

06/21/16 – Pre-Conference @ Riverhouse 09:00am

06/24/16 – Post Conference wrap up

Meeting Adjourned 13:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Keith Wright

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