

Sno-King School Retirees Board Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Alice Bingaman at 1:08 p.m.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Donna Murrish distributed a Treasurer's report showing our actual expenditures to date as \$9706.21. Our fiscal year ends June 30.

Calendar

Apr.20	Scholarship Luncheon – Edmonds Unitarian Church-12 noon
Apr 25	Newsletter folding -9:00 a.m.
May 11	Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.
May 19	Friday, General Mtg w/Sno-Isle hosting at Lynnwood Spaghetti Factory – 11:30 a.m. (\$13.00)
June 5-7	WSSRA State Convention, Yakima

Margaret Kernkamp was introduced to the board. She is a retiree from Steptoe, WA and is already serving on the Sunshine Committee with Winnie. Welcome!

Committee Reports

Scholarship Luncheon – Cheryl Bickford, project chair, reported that the plans for the luncheon were on schedule. However, only 35 have signed up to attend and only two scholarship recipients were scheduled to attend so far. Scholarship recipients are from Northshore, Shoreline and Edmonds high schools. The luncheon costs \$5.00. There is a need to be sure to help clean up after the luncheon. Ellie Bonanno suggests we each invite one more person to the luncheon. There will be Theater Tickets and wine to be raffled off and a table will be set up for PAC donations and there will be boxes available for our Food Drive. Donations to the Food Drive will be given to the Edmonds Methodist Church Food Bank. A music group from Edmonds Woodway High School will perform. Bob Jones is organizing the Food Drive.

WSSRA State Convention – We are qualified to send 25 members. Leadership Conference breakout sessions are on the last day. Ellie will call about the details and paperwork for registration. Nothing is available at this date. Rita Requa reported that much of the business, this year, will be very interesting as there are major restructuring of committees changes to be worked out.

Health – Gordon Bowers reported on "Older is Colder", a phenomenon where our base line temperature of 98.6 degrees generally lowers somewhat as we age. There is a new thermometer available that swipes across the forehead and behind the ear for rapid temperature assessment. He also reported on symptoms to look for in early stroke assessment. They were: 1) Smile and show your teeth, 2) Close your eyes and hold our arms in from (stroke sufferers arms drop), and 3) ask a person to repeat back a rhyme of some kind. Gordon also reported on increase in skin cancers—nearly one half of all new cancers are skin cancers.

Legislative – Rachel Lake reported that after State Convention we would have a better idea of what goals we will pursue for the next legislative session. She felt strongly that we should not wait until fall to begin our legislative work. She suggested that we have a breakfast or luncheon this summer to alert and inform members about our goals for the next session. One thing we can do now is to begin raising PAC money. She will have a donation table at the Scholarship Luncheon and also at the July picnic.

Rita Requa will be the liason to the Legislative Committee. She reported that the Legislative Committee is interviewing legislative candidates in May to determine which races we will monetarily support. We have no races in our local area.

Retirement Planning Workshops in March – More than 170 people attended the March Sessions. Mukilteo and Northshore had the most attendees. Bob Jones organized our volunteer efforts for the sessions. We received \$70.00 in donations at our Scholarship Donation table.

Sunshine – Winnie Smith and Margaret Kernkamp reported sending sympathy cards to Alice Bingaman upon the passing of her sister-in-law, and to Jo Caldwell upon the passing of her mother.

Membership – Recent membership reports show that our membership numbers are up over last year. Our strong membership drive efforts are really paying off.

WSSRA – Executive Board Report: Rita Requa reported that the Executive Director has taken a look at how effective our lobbyist(s) have been and feels that they have not been very effective. So, the contract will not be renewed.

Rita also reported on prospective committee restructuring plans. She felt that whatever revisions are made, a good amount of time would be required to put all the resultant changes in practices to the test. Time will be needed for the full effect of all the changes to filter down after the restructuring before any evaluation can be done.

Nominating Committee – Virg Rayton is seeking volunteers to accept positions for next year.

New Business:

Newsletter and Directory – Bruce Caldwell announced that after July he would be resigning as Newsletter Editor. He has done it for 6 or 7 years. A replacement is being sought. Many kudos and lots of gratitude were extended for the superbly professional job Bruce has done. Big shoes to fill!

Bruce also said he would definitely be willing to publish a new directory for us if we get the changes to him.

Our Best and Brightest - Ellie Bonanno has been asked by the NW1 reporter to write up our best accomplishment this past year. Among the accomplishments considered were: our Membership Drive efforts, our great Program schedule, our Newsletter, our Legislative Efforts, and our Scholarship Drive. After discussion, the decision was made to feature both our Membership Drive successes and our professional Newsletter.

A Look Ahead – Ellie said she wondered if we would encourage more member participation in leadership roles if we limited the responsibility we ask people to take to smaller, short-term tasks instead of year-long larger roles. A discussion followed about what that might look like. The topic is to be considered further.

A discussion followed about how many general membership meeting we need per year to make them attractive to all and to increase attendance. Bruce Caldwell suggested that after the picnic in July we follow an every other month agenda: September, November, January, March and May. Rita Requa moved, Donna Murrish seconded and Jo Caldwell amended a motion to change our by-laws to have a minimum of five meetings per year, effective September, 2006. Motion carried. All members are to be notified of the proposed by-law change and when a vote will take place.

Both of these items will be topics for discussion at the retreat this summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.