

SnoKing School Retirees Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. at the Edmonds School District Administration Center.

Those present were: Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Gordon Bowers, Bob Jones, Rachel Lake, Coordinator, Donna Murrish, Bob Nordeen, Evelyn Nordeen, Betty Odle, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, and Erma Snook.

The minutes were approved as published.

Donna Murrish gave a Treasurer's Report (see attached). During this past month, our nine month CD matured at 5.03% interest. It yielded interest of \$1023.71. She deposited that amount into the Scholarship Fund. Donna established a new CD for eight months at 5.03% interest. We show a large increase in our memorial fund dollars this month: \$1230.00. Donna advised us that postage rates are going up to 42 cents. Rachel Lake commented that at some point we need to think about increasing our scholarships, either to make each one worth more, or perhaps make them available over 2 years.

REPORTS

Legislative - Ellie Bonanno reported that the COLA Bill in legislature seems likely to be signed into law by the Governor. The Gainsharing Bill is currently at a stand still. Leslie Main reports that we need to encourage the Speaker of the House, Frank Copp to endorse the Rep. Chase amendment to HB 2391 that increases Gainsharing from 34 cents to 46 cents. We need to encourage him to see that this bill gets out of the Rules Committee and on to the floor for a vote.

To write to Olympia:

To the Senate: P. O. Box 40482, Olympia, WA 98504

To the House: P. O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504

Ellie distributed slips with the message on them for Frank Chopp. We need to write now! The legislative session is nearly over.

Ellie expressed concern that the changes coming for Actives (without Gainsharing) in Plans two and three are not well enough explained to all of the folks in those categories. She questioned if everyone really understood the requirement to work until 65 years old.

Membership Expansion - Virg Rayton reported on the latest membership numbers for our Unit. Cheryl Bauer and Bob Nordeen and Virg have worked valiantly and have been successful at gaining new members this year. Bob and Cheryl distributed 50-60 letters to new retirees and we have had several school visitations to recruit actives. Despite great efforts, our attrition is keeping us from receiving state recognition by achieving a 10% gain over last year. We now have 1194 members with 4 more pending. Last year we had 1198.

Health – Gordon Bowers ably informed us of many health issues: the history and evolution of dental floss, surprising revelation that lung cancer is quite prevalent in non-smokers (15%), a UNICEF study on Child Welfare ranking worldwide shows the USA at 20th—it ranked nations on child health, safety, mortality and accidental death. Gordon Bowers also advised us that heart attacks suffered on weekends had a lower survival rate and that we should be taking coated aspirin for our daily regimen.

Sunshine – Evelyn Nordeen sent our wishes to Betty Garrison. She will send a note to Lorna Turcott.

Retirement Seminar – Bob Jones reported on the five sessions in March for people readying for retirement. They were very well-attended with up to 180 people in attendance per session. Bob has agreed to continue organizing and implementing this project next year. We received \$166.00 in contributions to our unit. Katie Sherwood from the Edmonds School District is Bob's liaison. She distributes invitations to four school districts: Mukilteo, Edmonds, Northshore, and Shoreline.

NW -1 Meeting – March 31st and WSSRA Report – Rita Requa attended a WSSRA Meeting and said we were showered with kudos for our pension forum meeting in March. From that meeting a pledge from Rep. Chase was gained to amend the Fromhold Bill HB2391 from 34 cents gainsharing to 46 cents. The amendment, when proffered, had 24 sponsoring signatures with Rep. Chase! The meeting was well-attended and informative. There were presentations to meet everyone's needs, from highly factual and complicated to very frank and serious to emotional and action inciting!

In other state news, Rita reported that our membership has grown to nearly 16,000 members. Rita felt Ed Gonion has been a very positive influence in that effort. Rita reported that Bob Jones has been selected to be on the new Outreach State Committee. He was selected from several applicants. Congratulations! At the State Convention in Wenatchee, June 4-6, there will be no By-Law revisions proposed. But there will be some Rules and Resolutions to act on. Rita will update us on those before convention. We need to make our convention reservations ASAP. Upcoming State Convention sites are: 2008: SEATAC Double Tree Inn, 2009: Vancouver Hilton, 2010: Yakima, 2011: Wenatchee.

OLD BUSINESS

April Scholarship Luncheon – Betty Odle reviewed our sign-up for salads, rolls and cookies. She needs help setting up at 10:30 a.m. and clean up following. Lunch will be served PROMPTLY at noon. Bob Jones' Sound Singers of Edmonds will perform and our Scholarship recipients will be presented. They are:

- Laura Bernabe – Mountlake Terrace HS, Edmonds School District
- Asha Hamack – Inglemore HS, Northshore School District
- Katherine Kepler – Scriber Lake HS, Edmonds School District
- Kaitlin Thompson – Woodinville HS, Northshore School District

Rita, Luncheon Chair, reported there will be a canned food drive at the luncheon and Betty says there are only about 30 people signed up to attend. Rachel Lake asked the Telephone Committee (Ellie Bonanno) to activate to invite more people. It was moved and seconded at Ellie's suggestion that we have a raffle of tickets to a Mariner's game, the proceeds of which would go to WSSRA PAC. Motion carried. Ellie will purchase the tickets for the winner.

Nominating Committee – The Committee met and has a slate of candidates for the 2007-08 year.

President – Erma Snook
President Elect –
Secretary – Cheryl Bauer
Treasurer – Donna Murrish

We have no candidate for President Elect. Volunteers??

NEW BUSINESS

May Meeting – Ellie Bonanno says everything is set for the luncheon, May 17, at the Sno-Isle Skills Center, 9001 Airport Road Place, Everett. We are to arrive between 11:15 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Jim Siscel will present the program Highlights of his 2005 trip of Lewis and Clark Expedition. Make your lunch reservation by May 10th; the total cost is \$10.00. The money is to be collected in advance.

Ellie suggested we need to offer Jim a stipend for presenting the program.

WSSRA Convention – June 4-6 – 60 year birthday celebration in Wenatchee. The rooms at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel are \$98.00. We are entitled to 26 delegates at that rate. Contact Rachel for reservation information. Accommodations are filling fast. On May 24th the delegates will meet at Barlees Restaurant to prepare for the Convention. Our Unit will contribute a Basket for Raffle at the convention. We are following the "Birthday Celebration" theme. Everyone is encouraged to contribute. Bring donations to the May 10th Board Meeting or get your "Birthday" donation to a board member.

Volunteer Opportunity –

Bob Jones presented a request from the Argosy University asking if we would have a representative serve on their Advisory Board. If you are interested, contact Bob Jones, or Daniel Kmitta, Chair, 206-393-3570.

Rachel had an additional volunteer opportunity, please contact her.

Other – Letters of thanks from Teacher Grant recipients and Scholarship recipients continue to arrive. They are very heartwarming. Letters from Katherine Kepler, Scholarship Recipient, and Renee Colleren, Grant Recipient, were shared with the Board. It was recommended that these letters be shared in the Newsletter as space allows. Erma will get the letters to Dave Johnson who will use them as space allows.

Erma

**Additional Notes
April 12, 2007 Meeting**

Legislative

Maralyn Chase's Amendment--#051 HB 2391
Provides an equal value trade-off from \$.34 per month per year of service
to \$.46 for TRS/PERS 1 plan.
Age 66 *Q*OLA bill SB 5175 passed both chambers and is awaiting Governor's
signature.
Session is over April 22, 2007

Membership

April 1, 2007 1,194 4 pending
Last Year 1,198
(Does not meet the 10% increase for award at Convention)

April Program/Potluck April 19, 2007 – Rita in charge

Potluck-Salads only
Scholarship Winners:
Laura Bernabe, Mountlake Terrace HS, Edmonds School District
Asha Hamack, Inglemoor HS, Northshore School District
Katherine Kepler, Scriber lake HS, Edmonds School District
Kaitlin Thompson, Woodinville HS, Northshore School District
Program – Bob Jones' Sound Singers of Edmonds

2007-2008 Nominations

~President Erma Snook
~President-elect
~Secretary *Cheryl Bauer*
~Treasurer Donna Murrish

May 17th Meeting with Sno-Isle – Ellie Bonanno in charge

Sno-Isle Skills Center 9001 Airport Road Place Everett, WA 98204
Arrive between 11:15 and 11:30 AM Served at 11:45 AM
Program: Jim Sisco's Highlights of 2005 trip of Lewis and Clark

WSSRA Convention – Wenatchee June 4, 5, 6

Delegate Sign-up 26 allotted Due to State by April 13
Foundation Basket
Reservations Wenatchee Center Hotel 1-800-663-1144
Delegate Luncheon May 24 @Barlee's (by AV)

Dates

May 24 Delegate Luncheon @ Barlee's
June 3, 4, 5 Convention
June 13 Next news article to Dave Johnson
July 12 Executive Board Luncheon @ Barlee's
July 19 Annual Picnic