

Attendees: Jim Siscel, Acting Chair, Cathy Webb, Vice President, Jan Phillips, Secretary, Tom Hawkins, Treasurer, Barb Berg, Barb Bumgardner, Linda Fitzgerald, Keith Lindaas, Karen McEilliott, Evie Nordeen, Robin Randles, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Erma Snook

At 9:10 Jim Siscel asked us to stand and we opened the meeting by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed everyone.

Minutes — The minutes for the June 9 Board meeting were approved as amended. The June 21 Emergency Zoom Board minutes were approved as amended. The July 22 Picnic General meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report — Tom reported that the Washington Federal checking account had \$56,208.40 in it. The savings account had \$18,225.68. The Winnie Smith portion of the Edward Jones account had \$114,818.69 down by \$6,620. The SKSR Scholarship portion of the Edward Jones account had \$74,629.89, down by \$3,723.89. WSSRA sent us a dues check in the amount of \$2,937. He did a memorial transfer to the savings account of \$50. He did mail the four SKSR Scholarships for \$2,000 each, to the colleges of our recipients. He also explained about the change in agency for our Director and Liability insurance. The new agent will be involved with Hartford insurance.

Finance — report given above

Legislative — Jim reported that Tim Knopf, member of the WSSRA Legislative Committee, has sent a list of endorsed candidates to the state board for endorsement. Jim recommended that we send out an email of the endorsed individuals and that we also send out a letter via the Post Office to the remaining members. It was moved and seconded that we do the mailing of both email and Post Office in mid-September and that we send a second email out in October. The motion was passed.

Membership — As of July 1 we have 1,368 members, up one from last month. However, we are down 28 from last year. We have two actives pending and one deceased.

Educator grants — Karen has heard from the Shoreline District. They have \$178 left over from grants for last year. They will send that back to us. There were two cases of the money not being spent but could be held over to this year. We agreed that that should happen. Karen is in the process of modifying last year's form. She asked what we wanted to do regarding field trips. Are they to be allowed or not? The discussion was to allow Districts to decide and for us to follow their guidelines. The application deadline is November 3. Members need to be in good standing as of October 25. She will contact actives within the buildings for their help in encouraging others to apply. Jim will put this on our website.

Health — No report

Scholarships — The checks for the Winnie Smith recipients will be sent to their colleges within the next few days.

Sunshine — Barb reported that: a caring card was sent to Diana McQuay (returning cancer), a sympathy card to the family of Jerry Baldwin, retirement cards were sent to Shoreline retirees: Jennifer Altena, Karen Bradley, Robert Phillips, Amy Pleasant and Plain Swanson, and a sympathy card to the family of John Tiland.

Records — Erma reported that we have 1,386 members. 1,062 have email addresses. 296 have US Postal Service addresses. She sent the Bulletin out to all and a reminder Picnic flyer out to those with email.

Website — Jim will bring it up to date. Even during the summer is it getting between 8 and 10 hits a week.

Bulletin — Jo will continue to be the editor.

Clerical Assistant Update — Jan went over the brief history that she sent to be published as an article in the Bulletin.

Director and Officer Liability Insurance — It was moved and seconded that we change the director and officer liability insurance from Affinity to Hartford. The motion passed.

\$10,000 Scholarship Donation — The finance committee met to discuss how the monies from the donation be spent. Their recommendation was that the money remain in the SKSR Scholarship Savings account. At an appropriate time based on investment recommendation it will be moved to the SKSR Scholarship Edward Jones account. The finance committee recommended that we add an additional scholarship and that the third-year student scholarship be raised from \$2,000 to \$2,500. After discussion it was moved and seconded that we still offer four scholarships but that the amount change to \$2,500 for the first two years and \$3,000 for the last two years. Motion passed.

Gift cards for convention drawing — After discussion it was moved that we purchase 4 \$30 gift cards for the silent auction at Convention and that we purchase 3 \$20 gift cards - one for each District Benefit Fair. Motion passed.

Records Retention — Jim did research on this. He found that the financial records need to be kept for 1 year. The approved minutes need to be kept permanently,

Budget — Tom went over the 4 areas that have proposed changes to them. The rest of the budget would stay the same as this year's budget. The 4 areas are: Bulletin printing going to \$2,600, Convention/NW 1 Retreat going to \$7,000, Insurance/Legal fees up to \$800 and Outreach/Community Service up to \$2,000. The entire Budget will be voted on at the end of the retreat. It then will be presented for acceptance at the October General Meeting.

Proposed Calendar — Jim passed out the proposed dates and asked for a continuation of our current 10 am meeting time. Both were accepted. It was decided that there would be no September meeting. Cathy offered to act as chair for October. Linda will do the same for November. December's chair will be Erma. Virg will take January. Roberta is the chair for February. Karen will chair March. Cathy will be the chair for April. Barb and Evie will do May. Jim will chair June. Jan will chair July and Jim will chair the 2023 Retreat.

Program Ideas — Jim presented a list of potential programs. It was decided that the program for the October Brunch would a presentation of photos and discussion of their trip by Linda Fitzgerald and Lynda Hughes.

Shoreline Superintendent will give a 15-minute update on Shoreline School District. We discussed whether we needed a program for the November Scholarship Luncheon. Possible speakers are Kathleen Victor-antiques or Rebecca Miner-Camino de Santiago. Roberta reported that the Humanities Washington vote was #1—After the Blast: Mount St. Helens 40 Years Later and #2—The River that Made Seattle. She will contact them. Rebecca Miner's trip to Carmen de Santiago is a possibility for a spring function. As is Kanis Steppic's presentation on the Holocaust Center for Humanity and Bob Fretz—diplomat and teacher.

Convention — Jim, Virg, Karen, Cathy and Jan plan on attending the state convention. They are to keep their hotel receipts and send them to Tom for reimbursement. Rita will attend, as past WSSRA President, her fees are covered by WSSRA.

October NW 1 meeting — Jim will let everyone know if it will be held and whether it will be live or via zoom.

Free Lunch for Retirees this year — Jim read from a 2019 Bulletin which states that this year's retirees could have a free meal at one of that year's functions. Jim moved that we provide 2022 member retirees a free meal at one of our general membership functions. It was seconded and passed.

Leadership Discussion — How are we going to get new people involved? One way is to personally contact them with either a small job or an invitation to one of our functions. Another idea was for next September to have a special function in which they are invited to learn about us. This will depend upon getting names so that the invitations could be sent. Jim requested that everyone look at the list of current retirees that he will send and contact individuals to invite them to a function.

PEBB Concerns by Sylvia Haven — WSSRA will address some of these in their webinar on August 22. Jim encouraged questions to be sent to WSSRA before the webinar. Other than that, we can do little.

New Speaker System — Jim has done some research into a bigger system but size is a problem. The system needs to be transportable. Jim will continue to research this and report back.

Approve Budget — A motion was made to approve the budget as reworked earlier in the meeting. Motion passed. The budget will be presented for approval by the general membership at the October General Meeting.

Rita thanked Jim for all his work in the preparation of today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary