

Sno-King School Retirees
Minutes
Planning Meeting
August 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Rachel Lake, acting chair/coordinator, at 9:30 a.m. at the Foundation House in Bothell.

Those present were: Cheryl Bauer, Cheryl Bickford, Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Gordon Bowers, Bob Jones, Rachel Lake, Donna Murrish, Bob Nordeen, Evelyn Nordeen, Betty Odle, Rita Requa, Ron Robinson, Jim Siscoel, Winnie Smith, Erma Snook, Don Warren, and Ruthanne Warren.

Agendas were circulated. Rachel invited each of us to share summer activities by way of introducing ourselves.

July Picnic Ellie Bonanno reported on a great turnout of 75 people to the July Picnic at Edmonds City Park. A great time was had and the entertainment was excellent. Ellie wondered if parking was limited—she will contact city. Also, anyone, finding inexpensive tablecloths for picnic tables to replace some of ours, contact Alice Bingaman.

Meeting Calendar for 2006-07 Both Donna Murrish and Rachel Lake distributed proposed meeting data schedules (talking documents). After considerable discussion a calendar was adopted. See Attachment #1.

Officers and Committee Chairs Attached find a nearly complete listing of positions and volunteers. Without an elected president, Rachel Lake has volunteered to chair the first Board Meeting (9/14) and the first General Meeting (9/21). She has offered to serve as Coordinator and Contact Person for our Unit. Chairs for Board Meetings will revolve among volunteers. Since some on this list were not present to confirm their willingness to serve this list remains a tentative listing.

Bob Jones requested that the new Calendar, Program and Board information be emailed to him for Web Site Posting.

NW-1 Rita Requa reported that there had been no meetings yet on which to report. Harriet Smith is the NW 1 Chair.

Benefit Fairs School Districts hold benefit explanation open houses for employees at the beginning of each school year. We traditionally attend Edmonds Benefit Fair and host a membership signup table. This year, after a show of hands, we decided to contribute an Entertainment Book to the Door Prize Drawing on both Sept. 6 and Sept 7. The Benefit Fair in Shoreline is on Aug 30. We are waiting to see if we can attend. Information is still being sought about Northshore's Schedule. Bob Jones, Virg Rayton, and Ellie Bonanno are coordinating the manning of these functions. Volunteers are needed. Jim Siscoel will do it for Shoreline.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Murrish presented a proposed budget. It showed the actual expenditures for 2005-06 and the proposed amounts for 2006-07. The budget was accepted as proposed with the following changes to the proposed amounts: "Grants To Teachers" was raised from \$2500 to \$2600; "Legislative" was raised from \$100 to \$1000; "Postage" was raised from \$1860 to \$2500. It was noted that our donation to the Edmonds Unitarian Church was raised last year to \$75.00. The actual "Income Carry Over" was adjusted down from \$2014.08 to \$1014.08 as one Scholarship Award is still outstanding and comes from the Scholarship Fund. The interest on our bank account CD was \$1100 last year. The interest was used to fund scholarships. Good job, Donna!!

A question was raised about the benefit to our local from Scholarships versus Grants. Since grant receivers always need to be members and some join to qualify which directly benefits our unit, were Scholarship awards a good investment? It was pointed out that scholarships were a separately incorporated entity. Money raised for them was always earmarked in advance and we held a pre-committed obligation to fund them. All grants, on the other hand, were controlled entirely by the local and are given from the Operating Budget..

Health Gordon Bowers reported on a Community Health Bowl sponsored by Governor Gregoire to promote health through walking. Her goal was to have walkers walk 2.5 million miles between September 18 and November 1, 2006. Pedometers are free to participants. We agreed to sign up to participate as a Unit. We need to keep records of dates and distances to participate.

First General Meeting – Sept. 21 Rachel Lake will put together a mailing to announce the meeting and articles for publication need to be to Rachel by August 24. We will have a folding/labeling session on August 29th at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers needed.

The meeting will be held at the Edmonds School District Admin. Center at 1 p.m. in the Board Room. It will be a legislative meeting and Rachel has invited Ed Gunion, Executive Director, to explain where we are with pension legislative measures and where we are going. Ruth Kagi, state representative, will explain why measures failed last session, and Paul Shinn, state senator will provide the senate perspective.

The calling committee can use the Picnic Attendee list to promote the meeting. See Membership Section for further promotions.

Willing to Serve Ellie Bonanno has agreed to serve as our representative to the State Legislative Committee. We are grateful to have dedicated representation on the Committee.

Publication of Directory Bruce Caldwell has agreed to help us set up the publication of our directory. Updated every other year, Donna Murrish, Ron Robinson and Ellie Bonanno will organize this venture.

Advertisers are needed to defray costs of publishing. Ads are due by the end of August. One half page costs \$400, full page costs \$600. Several possible advertisers were suggested. Refer willing advertisers to Ron Robinson for arrangements and billing.

Newsletter/Bulletin No one, to date, has volunteered to take over publishing of our Newsletter. Ron Robinson observed that the Newsletter was a crucial communication instrument for our success. He moved and Rita Requa seconded a motion to pay an editor \$100.00 per issue to publish our Newsletter. Motion passed. People previously contacted, will be contacted again in light of the now paying position.

Membership Bob Nordeen, Cheryl Bauer, and Virg Rayton will work on Membership Drives.

They have lists of all the new retirees from the three school districts to make initial contacts. Virg will send out invitations to new retirees to attend the Sept. 21 Meeting.

They will also see that we are represented at the Benefit Fairs.

Visitations to individual schools, as possible, continue to be lucrative for gaining membership.

Community Service Jim Siscoel suggested and it was agreed that Food Bank drives were so vital to our community that it become an integral part of all of our Luncheons in the future. The Edmonds Unitarian Church has been willing to transport out donations to the Food Bank. Alice Bingaman and Cheryl Bauer are chairing our community service efforts.

Good of the Order

Ellie Bonanno sent us a thank you note for the lovely plant presented to her at the picnic.

We received two award certificates from the State. First, a "Unit of Distinction" Award in recognition of achieving our goals, and second, a Certificate of Appreciation for the increase in our membership (+22) in 2004-05.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Sincerely Submitted,
Erma Snook, Secretary