

Sno King School Retirees
August 6, 2007
Board Planning Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Erma Snook at 9:40 at the Foundation House in Bothell. She gave us a welcome and had us do a brief folding and tearing activity. Each person's outcome can look different if we don't have enough information. We need two way feedback and communication.

Those in attendance were: Cheryl Bickford, Evelyn Nordeen, Bob Nordeen, Marlene Johnson, Dave Johnson, Warren Rowe, Bob Jones, Donna Murrish, Betty Odle, Alice Bingham, Jim Siscel, Keith Lindaas, Ron Robinson, Rachel Lake, Rita Requa, Ellie Bonanno, Erma Snook, and Cheryl Bauer.

Rita Requa moved we accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded and approved.

The treasurer's report and the proposed budget were both presented. We'll approve the budget after each committee person has had a chance to express whether the right amount of money was budgeted for their group.

Erma passed out calendars for us to use as we are planning. Bulletin dates reflect less time needed between due date and actual publication. Dave will continue to pick up the bulletin from COSTCO on Mondays. The first folding will be on Sept. 4 at 10:00 at either Ellie's or Erma's. They will let us know later.

We discussed The Unit of Distinction award which we earned this past year. Erma went over the check list in anticipation of trying for it again this year. We did do identity theft information, food drive, telephone tree, committees, and attempted WSSRA recognition week. One new idea is to try and communicate better with the newspaper about news and events regarding our organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee reported by Bob Jones

Bob and Rita Requa met July 30 in Olympia with other members to discuss ideas related to communication. It is recommended that we have a specific communication representative to go to NW #1. We also need a person to communicate with The Journal. *Renewal* Joan Pennywell will send a packet to Bob and or a person in charge of communication. Paula Lowe is the editor of The Journal. With Board approval, starting September 6, the magazine will go from six to five issues. This will free up time to conduct classes. Also on the committee are Barbara Berg, Warren Rowe, and Virg Rayton. Erma will talk to them to see if they are still interested in serving.

Community Service Committee

No chairman at this time. Bring ideas and possible names to the next meeting. Marion Fyall was one person mentioned. *Fyall*

Education Committee – Grants reported by Rita Requa

Rita passed a detailed report about the grant program including a history of the program, selection criteria, recent recipients, and more. She can always use help giving out the awards. The grants are used as an enticement to join SKSR, and the presentation of the grants is a good time to talk about becoming a member.

Member Services – Hospitality reported by Marlene Johnson

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Marlene wanted to verify that we are indeed having only two general meetings. She needs to be notified ASAP when the meetings will be so she can do the necessary ordering from the district.

Health Committee

Gordon Bower's wife was ill, so he had no report. Warren Rowe may look into doing nutrition advocacy.

Legislative Committee reported by Ellie Bonanno and Rachel Lake

We will continue to use the telephone tree reminding people to contact their legislators. Ellie suggested we each be responsible for getting five names of people who can then make further calls. This would probably start in February. We do appreciate the emails from Leslie Main, and Rachel will continue to send them out. The focus of the next legislative session will be on lowering the retirement age for those in Plan 3. This should be a further incentive to get present educators to join. Rachel will also make sure the information on how to contact your legislators gets in the newsletter.

Membership Expansion Committee reported by Bob Nordeen

They were able to get a print out of 43 retirees who are not members. He also had a print out of non-members for the past ten years. Bob is working on getting people to help go to the schools and give a brief talk regarding SKSR. It was suggested we keep membership forms with us, so we would have them if needed.

Some discussion followed whether the state would be able to do a mailing for us. Erma had talked to Dawn Gunthro at DRS. It was suggested Ed Gonion at WSSRA be contacted for more information.

Publication Committee reported by Dave Johnson

Dave mentioned that if we change the September meeting, they will need to change the newsletter date. It was also questioned whether the information concerning the award given to Marilyn Chase at the picnic had been sent to The Journal. Jim Siscel did mention that if we pay Dave more than \$600, we will need to fill out a tax form.

Scholarship Committee reported by Keith Lindaas

Going from one computer to another, the application left out the citizenship requirement. Keith feels that if a person brings credentials, etc from teachers and others at the school, perhaps citizenship shouldn't be an issue. After realizing that at the last board meeting, we had given the scholarship committee the task of further researching and discussing the

citizenship issue, he will meet with his committee and come back with a recommendation at a later date. A larger concern for him is that Shoreline district does not send in applications. We discussed having the application form in our newsletter and also on our website. The time line to follow is mid-January for sending out the information with a due date by the end of March. Because of the cost of printing, stamps, etc, we will add \$25 to the budget.

Sunshine Committee reported by Evie Nordeen

Evie reported that she had sent a card to Phylis Enger. It was also noted that long time member ML Burke died suddenly August 3.

Telephone Committee reported by Ellie Bonanno

Ruthann Warren no longer will be able to help with the calling. Alice Bingham will help instead.

OLD BUSINESS

Retirement Seminars

Bob Jones reported that the seminars will again be held five consecutive Wednesdays starting in late February and going through March. The information will be in the newsletter. We will do away with donation jar for scholarships, and put the emphasis on membership information. Bob does go to Olympia to get the information. He should be putting in for gas mileage.

Winnie Smith Ad Hoc Committee

Cheryl Bauer reported that the committee had met a second time. They had gathered information from other districts including Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma as well as the State Committee. They have contacted a lawyer and gotten preliminary investment suggestions. They will meet again the first part of September. The money will be slow in coming, and the committee does not see any changes in the scholarship distribution for this year.

Benefit Fairs

Shoreline Fair Aug. 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Jim Siscel: 1:30 - 5:30 p.m

Rita Requa: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. *Betty Ollie*

Erma Snook: 3:15 p.m - 5:30 p.m.

Edmonds Fair Sept 5 and 6 2: 30- 6:00 p.m. daily

Sept. 5th. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Virg Rayton

Bob Nordeen

Sept. 5th 4:15-6:00 p.m.

Ellie Bonanno

Cheryl Bauer

Sept 6th 2:30- 4:30 p.m.

Virg Rayton

Donna Murrish

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Erma Snook
Alice Bingaman

July Picnic Review

It went well. The food was great, the weather cooperated, the music was enjoyable, and people had a good chance to visit. Thanks to Betty and crew!!

T-Shirts

This item will be tabled until September.

NEW BUSINESS

Birthday Celebration 30 years from 1977-2007

Do we want to do something? Maybe at the September meeting.

September Program

Discussion followed as to the pros and cons of having a September general meeting. It was voted to have a general meeting on September 20. Erma has an idea of a travel log to help celebrate our 30th birthday. (Don't we wish?!) She'll work on this. Also, Betty Odle has a niece who just returned from an Arctic adventure. She will contact her to see if she would do her program at that meeting.

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New Directory

Ron mentioned it takes under \$2000 to do the smaller sized version of the directory. This is not counting postage. We did promise the people who advertised that their ad would be for two years. Ron's recommendation to continue doing the directory every two years was approved.

Because we won't be able to put the information regarding how to contact our legislators in a directory this year, Rachel suggested we do a card contact to all members before January. We will do this.

BUDGET

We moved to the budget leaving out several items because of time constraints. Jim Siscel made the motion, and it was seconded to approve the budget as amended. The amendments were the following: Leadership/President Expenses was increased to \$300; Legislative was increased to \$1000; Directory will be \$1000 for this year; and lastly, the Entertainment Books will be moved entirely to the Scholarship account. The amended budget was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 and we moved to the dining room where we enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by the Foundation House. Next time I hope to not be so wordy with the minutes.

Our next board meeting will be September 16 at the Edmonds School District Offices in room 104.

Cheryl Bauer