

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES
EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2008

Members Present: Erma Snook, Phyllis Fiege, Alice Bingaman, David Johnson, Marlene Johnson, Jim Siscel, Ron Robinson, Warren Rowe, Barbara Berg, Virg Rayton, Bob Nordeen, Evie Nordeen, Betty Odle, Donna Murrish, Cheryl Bickford, Rita Requa, Rachel Lake, and Cheryl Bauer

The meeting was called to order @ 9:45 at the Foundation House in Bothell. We began with the flag salute. Erma went over the plan for the day. Jim Siscel moved we accept the minutes of the July 10th board meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Erma had prepared (with her usual thoroughness) a notebook which we used as a guide through the meeting. We looked over the roster and made corrections. We then went over the calendar noticing that changes were in red.

Using the time line as our guide, we then began committee reports.

Benefit Fair

Bob Jones is the contact person for the Edmonds Benefit Fair. Folders were passed around for us to sign up to work at the benefit fairs in Edmonds and Shoreline. Our job is to have brochures and membership forms available, talk about the classroom grants and sell Entertainment Books.

Membership

Bob Nordeen reported that Dave McElliot will be helping him this year. Their emphasis will be on reaching the elementary schools. Bob passed out forms for each of us to use with people we meet who may want to join. **There will again be a \$10 reimbursement this year from the state.**

Ad Hoc Scholarship and Finance Committees

The Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee completed its work and set up a new scholarship system that will make available renewal scholarships (up to four years) for qualifying recipients. The changes were reflected in the new By-Laws which were approved at the April meeting.

Out of the Scholarship committee, the Finance Committee was established. **Members of the Finance Committee include: Cheryl Bauer, Ellie Bonanno, Don Denton, Dave Johnson, Bob Nordeen, Erma Snook, and Dick Stucky.** We have met five times and will be deciding soon what firm we will invest our money with. Four different investors have given us information on how they would handle the money. This is the money left us by Winnie Smith. At this time we have \$65,185.53 in a CD. Our total sum should be over \$100,000.

Scholarship Committee

Keith Lindaas and Linda Fitzgerald will do this again this year.

Fall Scholarship Luncheon

The Fall Scholarship luncheon is scheduled for November 20. The Goodwill Fashion Show has been booked. We selected "Blast from the Past: Progression of the Decades." Next year we will consider moving the fall luncheon to October, so it isn't so close to Thanksgiving.

New Directory

Ron Robinson reported that he has contacted people to advertise (including Marilyn Irwin who has yet to get a call as a result of her advertising.) They will wait until late October/early November to start, so they can include the new members for the year. The last directory cost about \$1800 with \$1500 worth of ads. So far he has \$375 in ads. A full page ad is \$600 for non-members and \$300 for members. It was suggested the person who is chosen to do the investing for us might want to advertise in the directory.

Legislative Campaign

Rachel introduced Phyllis Fiege who is going to join the legislative committee. Welcome, Phyllis!! We are in an election season, but because of a state budget shortfall, we may not be able to gain much this year. Rachel passed out a handout which had the Legislative Committees' report for the 2008-2009 year. The priority issues for the 2008-2009 year include the following: 1) recovery of lost purchasing power, 2) gain sharing replacement for SERS 2/3 members and current TRS/SERS/PER 3 retirees, and 3) PEBB benefits and subsidies must be insured to current PEBB enrollees, plus previously eligible retirees who missed their initial enrollment opportunity.

We discussed the possibility of having a meeting with our legislators, but decided that grass roots efforts after the election were more effective. Erma will try to get Don Carlson, who is our paid lobbyist, to come to the NW 1 meeting on October 6. If he comes, we should all be there to give our input.

Rachel reported that the State PAC organization has given 10 checks to candidates who support our issues. The gain sharing vote was used as a measuring guide.

Lastly, it was suggested that newly elected legislators be included in the new directory.

Bulletin Publication

Dave Johnson will again be doing the bulletin. The dates as printed on the calendar are accurate. He will try to contact corporate COSTCO and see if we could get a price break since we are a non-profit organization.

Health Bowl

Warren Rowe will be doing this again this year. The materials should go out the first part of September. We are to send the completed forms directly to the state this year.

Sunshine Committee

Evie had set cards to the following people: Ken Lake, Walt Dawson, family of Neil Berger, and Joan Pennewell.

Grants

Rita will do this again this year. We gave out \$3800 last year and had budgeted \$4000. There will be articles in the Sept. and Nov. bulletins. Deadline for applying for a grant will be Nov. 21.

Entertainment Books

Donna will be getting these soon. They are \$20 again this year. We get \$6.00 for the first 90 sold and \$10 after that. They were a great fund raiser last year.

Mariner Game

Jim Siscoel brought up the possibility of going to a Mariner game next year on Senior Sunday. We could charge \$12 for \$10 tickets and make it a small fund raiser. Need to sell 40 tickets to get this price. We gave a positive response, and he'll look into something for June -- after convention.

Hospitality

Marilyn Alvaniz will work with Marlene Johnson again this year on hospitality.

Scrapbook

All is fine. There is nothing new to report at this time.

Breakout Sessions

Erma wanted us to do Breakout Sessions around the following topics. Because of time restrictions, we just discussed them as a group.

Scholarship Luncheon

Can we tap someone else to help us pay? Could we invite people who were not members? Organize our raffle better? Revisit the \$5.00? Food drive could be better advertised.

Picnic

There was no return from a letter sent to new retirees. Should we continue to honor them at this event? Maybe focus on new members for the year as well as retirees? The grant recipient response was good. Should we honor the retirees at another time?

Media Exposure

Could we get an article in the Calendar section of The Enterprise?

Treasurer's Report

Erma, Dave and Donna met to get over the budget which was presented to us. We now have 1200 members. They were conservative on income and liberal on spending. That shows faith! 2010 Olympic presentation will be in February. A representative for the event will come from Vancouver. Some grant money may come out of scholarship as well. Donna is working on getting non-profit status established with the post office. This could lower our rate. The one change was to add \$100 more to Membership. This would come from the contingency fund. Rita Requa moved we approve the proposed budget as amended. Marlene Johnson seconded and the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Picnic Debriefing

See comments in breakout sessions above. Numbers were down. How do we beef up the picnic? We missed Bob Jones and his music. Jim Sisco suggested we bill it as a chance to have a good time with old friends. Virg Rayton commented that we might put the focus as a time when our active members can join us.

N. W. - 1

The meetings up at Mt Vernon are scheduled for October 6, 2008, January 6, 2009, and March 2, 2009. Bob Jones serves on the Outreach Committee. He will be conducting a survey at Oct. meeting and needs lots of support. We should try to attend if possible. Dick Anderson will be taking Rita's place at N.W. - 1. Erma will try to have him come to one of our meetings so we can meet him.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial for Royal Pennewell

Royal Pennewell is the husband of Joan Pennewell, both active members in the association. Rachel moved we send \$50 memorial to the WSSRA Foundation in his name. The motion was seconded and passed.

By-Laws Revision

We will have to work on this at a later date. Rita Requa, Donna Murrish and Rachel Lake will review the By-Laws and report at a later meeting.

Calendar and Programs

Room reservations at the Edmonds School District Administration Center are set.

Programs for the coming year include:

September 18, 2008, will be a General Meeting.

November 20, 2008, will be the Scholarship Luncheon and Style Show.

February 19, 2009, will be a General Meeting.

April 16, 2009, will be a Scholarship Luncheon.

May 21, 2009, will a joint meeting with Sno/Isle.

Could we have the joint meeting with Sno/Isle also be the time we have our Olympic speaker?

Program Chair

Anyone want to volunteer for this important job? It was suggested that maybe our September meeting be at a restaurant. We would each pay for our own lunch? There was a suggestion for the Country Buffet. We will definitely need someplace with a large room. Could this be ready to put in the August 23 bulletin? Alice Bingaman will make some calls, and Rachel will try to get something ready for the bulletin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Submitted by,
Cheryl Bauer