

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES  
PLANNING SESSION RETREAT  
AUGUST 8, 2012

**Those Present:** Erma Snook, Roberta Hawkins, Betty Odle, Donna Murrish, Evelyn Nordeen, Joan Hertrich, Ellie Bonanno, Dave Johnson, Marlene Johnson, Virg Rayton, Linda Fitzgerald, Rita Requa, Rachel Lake, Jim Siscel, and Cheryl Bauer.

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:15 and then led us in the flag salute.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved with the correction of the retreat location reading “The Foundation House in Bothell.”

**Notebook Sections:** We are to replace the out dated pages with the new ones. Each section was gone over and corrections and/or changes were made as necessary.

1. The roster information was verified.
2. We then went over the calendar for 2012-2013 year. The next bulletin deadline will now be September 7 with folding on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. Budget Proposal – final budget to be approved later in the meeting. We will move \$5500 to grants including sales from Entertainment Books. Donna also passed out the July budget.
4. There were no changes in the miscellaneous forms
5. By Laws remain the same.
6. There will no longer be a minutes section in the handbook.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Legislative Update:** Rita talked about the primary election results. She then passed out her report. She sent a check to PAC for \$110 from the raffle at the picnic. She also encouraged us to write to our legislators now. A personal letter is recommended. You want to put in your own personal story as well as using the WSSRA policy positions found The Journal or by going to the wssra.org website.
2. **Report on Picnic:** Betty reported that we had 20 more people than anticipated. This brought the total to over 70. The weather was good; there was plenty of food; and hopefully fun was had by all.
3. **Benefit Fair/Membership Sign Up:** Form was passed around for us to sign up to help at the Edmonds and Shoreline Benefit Fairs.
4. **Teacher Grants:** Virg is working on his promotional pitch and will have it ready for the next bulletin. The deadline for requests will be November 8. He then read “thank you” notes from several of the recipients.
5. **Membership Directory Decision:** A big “thank you” to Erma for all the work she has done in getting ready the proposal, graphing the results of the survey (119 responses), typing out the various comments, and just being so super organized. Comments from the discussion include:

\*On line directory may be feasible in the future, but not at this time.

\*There are 70 pages of alpha listings and 10 pages of other information.

\*Need permission to include email addresses.

A motion was made by Erma Snook that we have people who get the directory – excluding new members – pay to receive it. The motion was seconded (by Rachel Lake) and then defeated. The next motion was made by Erma Snook and seconded by Dave Johnson that we send the directory to those who “opt in.” This motion was defeated. Rachel then moved that we offer an “opt out” option which would be publicized in the bulletin. We would then send the directory to everyone else with double households getting only one. The motion was seconded by Joan Hertrich and passed. We will be sending a directory to everyone except those who choose not to receive one. The total for this will be

somewhere between \$2200 – \$2400. There was \$1800 budgeted for the directory, and the rest could come from the contingency fund. There was a motion then made by Rita Requa and seconded by Linda Fitzgerald that the directories be stapled with 25 coil bound copies for the Executive Board. Motion passed.

6. **Unit of distinction Goals:** Jim reported that we should be fine for next year.
7. **Memorial Amount to Scholarship Fund:** This year close to \$1000 was transferred from the general fund to the scholarship fund. Joan Hertrich moved we continue to transfer \$25 per memorial to the scholarship fund. Motion was seconded and passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Proposed Programs for the 2012-2013 Year:** Jim went over several program ideas. These included: Carol Schultz, a stroke victim, who survived in the Alaskan wilderness, a barber shop quartet, Jan Steves and her Ititerad experience, emergency preparedness done by Tom Hawkins, and a George Brackett impersonator. Virg Rayton moved we investigate having the George Brackett impersonator for our October meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. (As a side note, Jim has since let us know that he has been booked for our meeting.) The October meeting will be at LeBistro up at the Sno-Isle Vocational Center. It was suggested that the barber shop quartet could perform at the November Luncheon and that perhaps Tom could do the February meeting. Another type of school musical group would be good for April.

**Field Trip:** Some of the suggestions here included: Theo Chocolates, Franz Bakery, and a glass blowing place. Roberta will look into these possibilities. This event would take place on the third Thursday in March and hopefully, we can use the bus from the Senior Center again.

2. **Entertainment Books:** Donna will be getting them about August 20<sup>th</sup>. This year they will cost \$30. We all need to be sales people. We get two free books and will use them again this year for the benefits fairs.
3. **Calling Members:** We would like to get more people to switch to using email to get their bulletins. Those willing to help with calls were: Joan Hertrich, Erma Snook, Jim Siscel, Rita Requa, Virg Rayton and Roberta Hawkins. Right now there are 377 bulletins sent via email. That leaves over 800 people to contact. A script will be provided.
4. **Membership Person:** We really need to find someone willing to chair this position. We currently have 1226 members. Discussed how to get names of the retirees. School district won't share that information, but perhaps we could get names from the retirement system. Jim and Rita will work on this.
5. **Next Newsletter:** Dave has the last article from Gordon Bowers and will try to publish it in the next issue. The deadline has now been moved to September 7.
6. **Other:** Ellie spoke to health issues of Jay Lapp and RuthAnn Warren. She also thanked the unit for nominating her for the Patrick Hoban Meritorious Award. She felt very honored.

#### **BUDGET:**

1. Dave Johnson moved we approve the budget with the transfer of \$600 from the contingency fund to the directory line item. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Linda Fitzgerald then moved we transfer the profits from the Entertainment Books to the grants. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

The meeting was adjourned and a wonderful lunch was then served, including a yummy pecan pie.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Bauer

