

**Sno-King Retirees
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2007**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Rachel Lake, coordinator, at 1:00 pm at the Edmonds School District ESC.

Those in attendance were: Cheryl Bauer, Ellie Bonanno, Gordon Bowers, Bruce Caldwell, Jo Caldwell, Bob Jones, Rachel Lake, Donna Murrish, Bob Nordeen, Evelyn Nordeen, Betty Odle, Warren Rowe and Erma Snook.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 18 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Donna provided a treasurer's report. An additional \$64 was made from Entertainment Book sales.

Legislative report: Ellie reported on her trip to Olympia as a member lobbyist. She shared some written material about the legislature. During her trip, Ellie met with seven legislators. She said it's tricky in that "We must maintain gain-sharing but oppose the governor's proposal. We've waited eight years for this, we need to push for it." Ellie's feeling from talking to the legislators is that they will come up with another bill. Rachel and Jo showed shortened versions of the legislative message from WSSRA which may be easier for members to share.

Ellie also passed out written information about identity theft.

A legacy from Winnie Smith: Ellie shared information that SKSR was generously remembered in Winnie Smith's will; the money will go to the scholarship fund. A discussion followed about how to handle the money. It will probably mean consulting with an attorney and CPA to become established as a non-profit and attain 501 (c) (3) status. An ad hoc committee was appointed to explore the possibilities: Cheryl, Ellie, Bruce and Donna.

Emergency meeting of Northwest 1: Rachel reported the meeting will be held on Saturday morning, March 31, in Everett. Ed Gonion, Leslie Main and Don Carlson from the WSSRA office will speak on important retirement issues and the legislature. Each of our board members is encouraged to motivate at least five other SKSR members to attend. It was suggested that board members wear their SKSR shirts to the meeting. An adjustment will be made for the next *Bulletin* so that notice of the meeting will appear; the deadline for news will be March 7, and the folding will be on March 20 at 1:00.

Health report: Gordon gave his report about health items of interest and encouraged any board member who would like to share information to send it to him in time for the next *Bulletin*. He said it was very important to document the source of the information. He also shared a picture containing several photos from the celebration of his and his wife's 70th wedding anniversary celebration, which included their children and their families.

Gordon said that they are already making plans to gather in a larger place for the 75th anniversary celebration!

Membership: Bob and Cheryl have composed a letter to be sent to non-members. Bruce will create an SKSR letterhead. The letters and list of non-members may be brought to a board meeting for personalization by board members before being sent out.

Retirement seminars: Bob presented a hand-out with dates and other information about the seminars which will begin February 21. There is no charge for attendees, but they are welcome to make a donation to our scholarship fund. Bob said he needs a minimum of two helpers at each session. Volunteers are as follows: February 21 – Cheryl, Bob and Evelyn; March 7 – Donna and Betty; and March 14 Ellie and Rachel. Ellie will also try to get a new retiree to come who can relate to the attendees.

Sunshine report: Evelyn reported that cards have been sent to Virg Rayton and Gretchen Lay.

February general meeting: Ellie will preside. Ed Orsborn will present the program at the February 15 meeting. Rachel will make an announcement about the NW 1 emergency meeting. Cheryl will talk about SKSR and encourage others to become involved. Willingness to Serve forms for state-level committees are due March 3.

Units of Distinction award: We went over the criteria, generating examples for each category.

McNaughton and Hoban award nominations: SKSR will nominate Bob Jones for the Stan McNaughton Outreach Award and Rachel Lake for the Patrick Hoban Meritorious Award. Jo will write up the submissions for the state. They are due March 15.

School Retirees' Week: Cheryl, Ellie and Evelyn will contact principals in all three districts so they are aware of the possibility of honoring the retirees' in some way. The official proclamation comes from the governor.

SKSR officers for next term: Rachel asked everyone to be thinking about "who you want as president next year. SKSR needs a president!" Election of officers will be held at the April meeting. The nominating committee includes Evelyn (Northshore), Rachel and Ed Orsborn (Shoreline) and Cheryl (Edmonds).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Caldwell, pro-tem "minutes' taker"