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Sno-King School Retirees
 Executive Board Minutes
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 Edmonds Educational Services Center

Those Present: Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Gordon Bowers, Ellie Duckworth, Aaron Feik, Roberta Lea Hawkins, Bob Jones, Donna Murrish, Betty Odle, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Warren Row, and Erma Snook.

Meeting convened at 1:12 PM by President Erma Snook who led us in the flag salute.

Minutes of the January meeting provided by our absent secretary, Cheryl Bauer, were reviewed and approved.

Donna Murrish passed out and discussed her treasurer's report. She pointed out that the sale of Entertainment Books has netted us money enough to cover two of our four annual scholarships. She also brought to our attention that the \$1,063 expense listed under Insurance Legal was required to straighten out our non-profit status with the IRS. The treasurer's report was approved.

Kevin Slattery, District Manager of Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) made a presentation. Their organization acts as a broker in allowing us to access their services. He provided everyone with a full menu of benefits available to WSSRA members. Call Kevin at AMBA at 1-800258-7041 x131 for the code to access these services or email him at kslattery@amba.info.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gordon Bower expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and his wife, Edith for kind expressions sent to them following the death of their son. His health report, which followed, included information on brain and heart shrinkage after age 50. He also drew our attention to a clipping he shared about Dean Baumgartner.

Ellie Bonanno in her legislative report noted that of the three bills we had in the Legislature, only one was surviving. She explained that HB 3027 / SB 6648, Plan 2 Separated from Service Member Access to PEBB allows TRS/SERS/PERS Plan 2 members access to PEBB benefit offerings upon separation from service without beginning to draw retirement pension at age 55 with at least 20 years of service. This proposal increases uniformity of access to the PEBB between pension

plans. Ellie felt this one has probably survived this long because it didn't require money. February 19th (5:00 PM) is the last day to consider bills from the originating house so any calls to legislators should be made before then.

Erma Snook read a report from Membership Expansion chairman, Bob Nordeen in his absence. He reported that our total membership was down from 1200 last month to 1196 this month. There have been several recent visitations to schools inviting active school employees to join us. Donna Murrish clarified that we receive \$10 per membership form that WE send in as opposed to those that are sent directly to our state office in Lacey.

Rita Requa reported on the NW-1 Executive Board Meeting. Gene Forrester, WSSRA President-Elect has assumed the Presidency following the death of the late President, John Lothspeich. She announced that John's widow is organizing a scholarship in his honor. She said they approved a staff salary increase. Permission has now been granted for an Associate Membership in WSSRA.

Bob Jones spoke about the Retirement Planning Seminars beginning on Thursday, February 28th. The weekly session will continue until March 27th. He circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers for each of those evenings. He said this year Katie Sherwood is allotting us 5 minutes at the beginning of the first session to make a membership pitch. Fantastic! We'll not be requesting donations from participants this year, but will attempt to count how many attend and from which districts.

Erma Snook gave the Scholarship report in the absence of Linda Fitzgerald and Keith Lindaas. She passed around the new application forms that are being used. They will be available in each high school's scholarship center and on our website (www.sksr.org). The deadline for applications is March 21, 2008. A question arose for future deliberation about whether we'd like to include some opportunity for an applicant to make a declaration of financial need.

Erma Snook gave the Sunshine Report provided by Evie Nordeen in her absence. She shared the names of members who'd received cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellie Bonanno signed us up for our annual picnic at Edmonds Park on July 17th.

Cheryl Bickford's corrected address is - 11th Avenue NORTHEAST

Edmonds School District's new phone prefix is now 431 (not 670)

Christine Morse, from Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem (VGAL), will make a presentation at our April 17th Scholarship Luncheon

OLD BUSINESS

General Meeting - Friday, February 22nd. 1:00 PM, Rooms 101-102 at the Edmonds Educational Services Center. Member, Dr. Chuck LeWarne will be the featured speaker on the Washington State topic, "Bugs to Usk." Jim Siscel will provide donation boxes for our two community service outreach funds: 1) 82nd Airborne Combat Medic Troop serving in Iraq
2) Boistfort Valley Flood Relief in Lewis County
President Snook requested pictures, etc. about these projects that could be used for table displays at the meeting.

Rita Requa shared her newly produced, and very colorful, handout declaring her candidacy for the WSSRA Presidency. It will be a most useful addition to her visitations prior to the June Convention. We all await ways we might further support her.

Erma Snook requested Willingness to Serve Forms from members wishing to work on state committees. She also shared a suggestion that we send a collaborative and unique nomination for NW-1 as a candidate for recipient of the 2008 Patrick Hoban Award. Moved, seconded and passed!

NEW BUSINESS

Washington State School Retirees Week will be the third week in March 17-21. There was a discussion, without resolution, about how to celebrate it. Rita Requa offered to contact WSSRA to see if there will be some sort of proclamation forthcoming to present to the media.

It was agreed that we should pursue the booking of a Goodwill Fashion Show and/or 2010 Olympics 2010 Speaker for next year.

A letter from Edmonds Superintendent, Nick Brossoit, was shared dealing with a question that has been raised about the purchase price for relocation property for the bus barn. In it is an explanation of the rationale for steps followed in making this purchase and the financial advantages it has for taxpayers.

A host of interesting volunteer opportunities were presented for our consideration.

It was noted by Ellie Bonanno that few people drink coffee at newsletter folding sessions. She suggested Betty Odle no longer be required to bring it.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Virg Rayton