

SKSR BOD meeting. (Zoom)

January 13, 2022

Attendees — Acting Chair Virg Rayton, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Linda Fitzgerald, Roberta Hawkins, Karen McElliott, Evie Nordeen, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook, Cathy Webb

Acting Chair Virg Rayton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board minutes — The board minutes for the November 11th meeting were approved with the following amendment. They are to read that the October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report — Tom reported that as of December 31, we had \$41,288.19 in the checking account. The savings account had \$7,349.78~~7~~. The Winnie Smith portion of the Edward Jones account had \$135,312.28 which included an increase of \$1,396.81. The SKSR Savings portion had \$87,825.19 up \$805.50. He deposited 7 memorials for deceased members. The WSRRA Dues of \$2,691 is in the mail. He wrote a check to the Washington Kids in Transition for \$1,485, SKSR contributed \$500 and the rest was the result of member donations.

Finance — No report

Legislative — There are bills in the state legislature concerning the Plan 1 COLA. Right now, the bill has a 3 % COLA but WSSRA would like that to be raised to the 5.9% that is the equivalent to the COLA that Social Security gave. The medicare subsidy towards the health plan is in the budget. There is another bill that would increase the number of hours that can be worked after retirement. Also, there is a request to have Plan 2 treated the same as Plan 3 regarding deferment from PEBB. Rita asked that we write our legislators about the COLA bill.

Membership — Jim reported that we have 1,364 members down one from last month. There are 12 retiree applications and 1 active member application. He had multiple opportunities to talk to staff via zoom because of the grant presentations.

Educator Grants — Karen reported that the checks have gone out to the school districts and she will be checking with recipients to make sure they

can access those monies. She has gotten several pictures of students using materials purchased.

Health — No report.

Scholarship — Linda reported that she has gotten the scholarship info out to the schools. She has written the article for the Bulletin and the print media in our area. The applications are due March 18. The scholarship luncheon is set for April 21. At this time, it is undecided as to whether it will be held virtually or in person. Jan will write a short article for the Bulletin and will be taking reservations.

Sunshine — Barb reported that she sent: a caring card to Lynda Hughes for her knee replacement, a sympathy card to the family of David E. Jones, a sympathy card to family of Peggy Pilkington, has made arrangements to send a sympathy card to Patty Lang's celebration of life in Arizona, a caring card to Jo Caldwell for hip surgery, a caring card to Dave Johnson for shoulder surgery, a sympathy card to the family of Georgianna Young, a sympathy card to the family of Bill Borgert, a sympathy card to the family of Terry Harrington, and a sympathy card to the family of Joy Perry.

Records — Erma sent out 2 Bulletins and 2 messages about WA Kids in Transition. We have 1073 email addresses and 300 snail mail addresses. She has been working with WSSRA so that their and our data match. With the Bulletin she has asked for updates and has had 25 opportunities.

Website — Jim has been keeping it up to date.

Bulletin — No report just a reminder that the next deadline is February 13.

Clerical Assistant Update — Linda asked for everyone's opinion on this matter. We discussed both the finances and the logistics of a contract. WSSRA will help with some of the paperwork. Erma suggested that we contact Seattle as to why they went back to a volunteer position after having a paid position. Linda will research this. Rita moved that SKSR pursue hiring a contractor to be a clerical assistant. It was seconded. The motion passed. We have a list of tasks. Karen will put it into a monthly calendar. This will be a topic for the next meeting.

Recognition of Actives — With the help of Cathy Webb and her husband he sent 331 cards. However, Jim bought more cards than he needed because of the misalignment of data. There are other uses for them.

Second round of grant applications — Karen has not received any applications. She will contact the new members personally to see if she can get applications.

WA Kids in Transition — Virg delivered a check for \$1,485. This included the \$500 that SKSR donated plus \$985 from our members. He sent out reminders of the event and had enough to fill the two time slots. However, WA Kids in Transition cancelled the event due to COVID restrictions. They will be using social workers to hand out the food.

Humanities WA speaker — Roberta said that we are on track to go February 17 with the help of WSSRA. She will send press releases and some invitations to Washington State Legislators later this month.

Directory update — Erma reported that it is ready to go to print. Discussion followed about whether to actually print some or to have it all electronic. A motion was made to print enough for the BOD members who want a printed copy and some additional copies. This amounted to 35 copies. The motion passed.

Printing costs — Jim reported that prices have dramatically increased. This will need to be a topic for next year's budget.

NW 1 meeting — It is Monday, January 17, at 9:30 via Zoom. Rita, Jan Tom, Erma, Jim, Virg and Roberta all indicated they planned to attend.

WSSRA Leadership Training — Jim will attend that Tuesday, January 18.

Board message about clerical position — Karen will write this for the Bulletin

Next board meeting is February 10. Karen will chair.

Virg adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary