

SKSR Board Meeting

January 12, 2023

Attendees: Virg Rayton (Acting chair), Cathy Webb, Vice President, Jan Phillips, Secretary, Tom Hawkins, Treasurer, Linda Fitzgerald, Roberta Hawkins, Karen McElliott, Evie Nordeen, Robin Randles, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook

Virg opened the meeting by asking us to join him in standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked each us to make a 2-word excuse for missing a fictitious SKSR meeting by using 2 initials of our name.

Approval of minutes

November 10 SKSR Board minutes were approved as amended.

November General Meeting minutes of November 17 were approved as amended.

December Board Luncheon meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report — Tom reported that our checking account, as of January 1, had \$43,426.44. The savings account at WA FD had \$18,853.27. The Winnie Smith account at Edward Jones had \$195,200.31, up \$3,591.82. The SKSR scholarship account had \$71,005.39, up \$2,142.08. The Edward Jones account currently has \$166,205.70 and the scholarship account has \$71,005.39. He has sent the money for the grants to: Edmonds SD for \$2,508, to Northshore for \$880 and to Shoreline for \$6,981. The total was \$10,374. WSSRA has sent our portion of the monthly dues that amount to \$2,685. So far, this fiscal year we have received \$16,798 from WSSRA. In December he had 3 memorials. He paid the Bulk Mail permit of \$275. On January 5 he had 5 more memorials.

Finance Committee — No report

Legislative — Jim reported that House Bill 1057 which dealt with the Plan 1 COLA has been referred to the House Appropriations Committee. Senate Bill 5350 has been referred to Senate Ways and Means. Money for the Medicare payment in PEBB is in the Governor's budget. Bill 1058 which deals with allowing Plan 2 retirees to defer PEBB when retiring is still in the works. They are also working on setting an upper age limit for jury duty. They are currently looking for sponsors for that bill.

Membership — We currently have 1350, up 7 from last month. There are 2 retirees and 10 active teachers whose memberships are pending. He did a mailing to 75 recent Edmonds retirees and received 3 memberships as a result.

Jim will do another 75 to webinar attendees. So far, we have added 28 new members because of the grants.

Educator Grants — The checks have been sent to the three Districts. All 15 schools have agreed to accept presenters at their meetings. This is the first time this has happened since Karen has been involved. She shared the information with Shoreline's Superintendent Susana Reyes. She has also gotten more media coverage.

Health — No report

Scholarships — Linda and Keith are getting ready to deliver the applications personally to all the high schools.

Sunshine — needs to be reported next month

Records — Erma reported that she did 2 bulk emails. The Post Office is encouraging that we put on bar codes as well as addresses. The plus to this is that we may no longer need to have a bulk mailing permit and that we may also be able to mail the Bulletin without going to the Bitter Lake Post Office. She needs to learn more about this process. It is fairly complicated.

Web site — Jim reports that it is current. He will work on a possible slide show of the grant recipients.

Bulletin — Linda reported that Jo asked us to send more pictures. A caption on the picture is appreciated. If there are kids' names mentioned, permission must have been obtained. Robin asked for names of individuals she could call to help with the Bulletin folding. Sending out a general call does not work as the space is very limited.

November Luncheon — A catered lunch by Chef Dane was enjoyed. The AMBA representative, George Smith, talked about how AMBA is more than insurance. Our various upcoming events were talked about as well.

December Luncheon — Fun was had by all attendees.

February Humanities Washington Presentation — Roberta reported that she had confirmed the speaker. The agenda will include a meet and greet time. Rebecca Miner will give a 15-minute overview of the Edmonds SD. Then there

will be a presentation on Mt. St. Helens. The evaluations are printed and will be handed out ahead of the speech. She will then send the evaluations to the Humanities Washington. There will be coffee, water and cookies. She needs help in setup and take down. She sent around a sign-up folder. Cathy will purchase the coffee and hot water and deliver them by 11:30.

March field trip — Karen reminded us that the date is March 24 and the time is 12:30 pm. She sent around a sign up. There needs to be minimum of ten paying customers. Participants can meet at the parking lot at Aurora Village for ride sharing. She will help arrange this when she comes back in February. It needs to be done by March 17.

Sno-Isle concerns — Jim reported that Sno-Isle will no longer take part in our May lunch. However, we will still have the May Luncheon.

Meal Cost Increase — This will be a budget item for the retreat. We will need a list of the current costs to help with the discussion.

April and May caterer/locations/speaker — After discussion led by Jim it was decided that we will stay with Chef Dane. This will be part of the retreat discussion. In April we will be using the church. Barb and Jim have had discussions with each other and Barb with the Shoreline Superintendent, Susana Reyes. Jim moved that we pay \$275 to rent the Shoreline Room at the Shoreline Center for the May Luncheon. It was seconded and passed. Both Rebecca Miner and Susana Reyes will be there. Cathy will invite the Northshore superintendent to come as well. We decided to pay for all three superintendents' lunches.

Gift card for Merry (ESD scheduler) — Jim moved that SKSR purchase a \$30 Amazon gift card for Merry Rumpel for all she does for us. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer position — We have not received any inquiries on this. Discussion followed and a name was suggested as a possible candidate. Jim is aware of a possible candidate. Linda suggested that Jim contact Donna Murrish.

Retirement seminars March — They will be held March 2, 9, 16, and 23. Jim needs one person each night to help. There will be a sign-up at the February General Meeting.

\$500 donations — Jim moved that we send donations of \$500 to the Northshore Foundation, the Shoreline PTA Council's The Works and Washington Kids In Transition. It was seconded and passed. Cathy will deliver to the checks to the three groups.

WSSRA Willingness to Serve — President Elect will be handled by NW District 2. We do need to find a NW-1 District Representative for the Executive Board. Jim reminded individuals of the NW-1 District meeting of February 6.

Securing our emails — Erma shared an email she has received about securing our email. Jim moved that we accept the prices in the email about hardening the DKM/DARC set up. It was seconded and passed.

One of our members had approached WSSRA about how to publicize a book they had published. WSSRA then contacted Jim about this. Roberta moved that we authorize Jim Siscel to write a human-interest article about two members of our organization who have published a book. It was seconded and passed with one no vote.

The Speaker System was tabled until February.

Virg reminded everyone to check to see their responsibilities for the March Bulletin.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary