

Sno-King School Retirees
Executive Board Meeting
January 10, 2008
Edmonds School District Ad Center

Those Present: Linda Fitzgerald, Evelyn Nordeen, Bob Nordeen, Warren Rowe, Virg Rayton, Marlene Johnson, Ellie Bonanno, Alice K. Bingaman, Donna Murrish, Erma Snook, Rachel M. Lake, Rita Requa, Cheryl Bauer, and Bob Jones.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Pres. Erma Snook, who led us in the flag salute.

The minutes were read by Secretary Cheryl Bauer. The minutes were approved after several spelling corrections.

Treasurer Donna Murrish passed out and went over the Treasurer's Report. She reported that we sold 164 Entertainment Books. We made over \$1500. We got a check for over \$60,000 from Winnie Smith's annuity fund. Donna invested this in a four month CD. She also renewed our \$30,000 CD for seven months.

Donna reported that she and Erma went down to the Seattle office of the IRS in an attempt to straighten out our non-profit status. They got a different address and for the fourth time, Donna will send the information. There is a possibility that our name change has been part of the problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education

Rita reported that we gave grants to 19 applicants spending \$3800. Congratulations to all our winners. These grants are being presented at the various schools to the recipients.

NW 1 Coordinating Council Report

Rita reported several items of business conducted at the meeting. There were two suggested changes to the bylaws which will be presented at the convention in June. All proposed bylaw changes need to come from a Council or Executive Board. The proposed changes include changing the definition of the secretary, so that he/she will no longer be a voting member of the Rules and Resolution Committee and/or other standing committees. The other item for consideration is to increase the use of electronic email to transmit more communications. Richard Anderson will run for Rita's position of district representative. Willingness to run for state committee forms were passed out by Erma.

Health Report

Ellie gave the report for Gordon Bowers. Gordon regrets that he was not able to attend this meeting. He was most appreciative of the cards and thoughts sent to them after the death of their son. It's been very hard for him, and he continues to feel overwhelmed.

Legislative

Rachel talked about the post card that was sent our with regards to our state legislators. After the November election, there were changes that are not reflected on the card. It's hard to keep the information up to date. The bulletin will have the correct information.

See amended minutes attached for this report.

There had been discussion about having the legislators' names and addresses being included in the next directory, but that might not be a good idea considering how things change after an election. Rachel passed out the Review of Issues for the 2008 Session. Probably the most important part for us is in the 2008 Supplemental Budget. There will be an article in the bulletin after Rachel, Rita, and Ellie attend the lobbying session. Thank you, Rachel, for providing the separate page of information regarding the issues. Ellie also passed out the list of executive board members, and the people they are to contact when we activate the telephone tree. We will then encourage people to contact their legislators via emails, phone calls, etc. Ellie passed around the stickers with the Legislative Hot-Line numbers.

Discussion came up with regards to PEBB, and if people like Rachel will now been able to join. There was no definitive answer. Rita will do some research on PEBB and include the information in the next bulletin.

Membership

Bob has contacted 14 schools and has already set up some opportunities to share our membership information. We may be getting calls from Bob to help with this. According to Donna, there are 24 new members at this time with others still not reported from the state. Bob mentioned that he had a budget of only \$100 and has already spent \$82. We gave him the okay to use contingency funds.

Publication

Deadline for the bulletin is January 26. The folding will be on Feb. 4 at 10:00 AM in room 101. Recommendation was made to be sure to include retirement planning information in this mailing.

Sunshine

Evie kept very busy sending out cards to various members. These include: Rita Requa, Edith Bowers, Gordon Bowers, Adah Miner, Maryon and Loren Troxel, the family of Gene Smith, and Edith and Gordon Bowers. It was mentioned that Adah Miner died as did Fran Jackson.

Cheryl read three thank you notes from family members who had received memorials.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

There was some discussion and questions. Rita moved the Executive Board approve both the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations as outlined in their proposal. Motion was seconded and approved. One of these recommendations is to increase the existing scholarships from \$1000 to \$1200. The other recommendation is to have a renewal application procedure so that those receiving the initial scholarship can reapply for the next three years providing they meet the criteria as outlined in the proposal. (See previous minutes for more specific information.)

Informing people of the changes will take place as the forms are hand delivered by Linda and Keith. There will be information in the bulletin as well. Linda will have Keith email Bob Jones with the new form so it can be included on the SKSR website.

82nd Air Borne in Iraq Care Package Drive

A list was passed out with suggestions of items to be brought to the February meeting. This list will not be in the bulletin (too large), but is on the SKSR website under bulletins. Money can also be given, and Jim will buy items at the commissary at a lower price to be included in the care package. Money for postage can come from the donations and/or the Outreach budget. Checks should be made out to SKSR.

Another Outreach Idea

Ellie suggested and Virg spoke to the need for continued help for those affected by the floods in the Lewis County area. Virg shared personal issues. He also had talked to the superintendents of the Adna and Boistfort School Districts. Both of these areas were hard hit by the floods. Insurance is taking care of basic needs, but there are still many areas where help is needed. The superintendent of Boistfort is a member of the Lions Club and would be able to see and direct where the money would go. Virg will write an article for the newsletter asking for cash donations. We will also pass the hat at the next meeting. The money will go to Virg, and he will give it to the superintendent. We are fortunate to be able to help at home and away.

Campaign for Rita

The committee has had one meeting so far. It includes members from our group with Rachel as chair and one representative from other units of NW Coordinating Council. Rita mentioned that \$750 is all she can spend. This includes mileage. Bob Jones moved we approve \$500 (if needed) for Rita's campaign. The motion was seconded and approved. Her slogan is three "R"s. They stand for ready, responsible, and reliable. We'll await information from the committee as to how we can help.

Outreach

Their last meeting was Oct. 31. They are planning a publicity blitz with each local unit statewide submitting what they do and give for grants. This information would go to Paula, and be published in The Journal.

NEW BUSINESS

AARP Community Service Report

Erma received information from AARP asking to submit a single person to receive an award for a Community Service Project in our group. Erma suggested we nominate Jim Siscel. We thought that sounded like a great idea, and she will do just that.

Just for general information, we have a \$1,000,000 liability policy for things that might happen at a meeting. It's called a Commercial General Liability.

February Meeting

At this point in time we have no program for the February General Meeting. Betty's niece is unable to leave her teaching obligations. Several ideas were discussed, but some are not doable at this time. Ellie suggested contacting Chuck LeWarne. He is an historian and very knowledgeable about Washington State and Snohomish County. Erma will see if he could do a program on "place names" in Washington State.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Submitted by Cheryl Bauer

Rita's additions to minutes

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 12:46 PM
Subject: Corrections

Hi to all,

Rita sent the following corrections to the minutes. Please adjust your minutes to include the following:

In NW-1 Coordinating Council Report

Second sentence should read:

"There was one bylaws change approved by the Council from Whatcom County regarding the Secretary as an ex-officio member of the Rules and Regulations and other standing committees. This motion now goes to the Rules and Regulations Committee and will be voted upon at the Annual Convention in June. The Council passed this motion: Request that WSSRA upgrade communications to electronic means, including letters, minutes, forms that can be transmitted via email and/or are accessible at WSSRA website."

Thanks Rita for the heads up. It's sometimes hard for me to follow all the details. I really do appreciate your helping me out. Cheryl