

Attendees: President Jim Siscel, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Cheryl Bauer, Linda Fitzgerald, Karen McElliott, Donna Murrish, Evelyn Nordeen, Robin Randles, Virg Rayton, Erma Snook

President Jim Siscel called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. He asked us to rise and then recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes for the November 8, 2018 Board meeting were read. They were approved as presented. The minutes for November 15, 2018 General Membership meeting were read. They were approved as presented. The minutes for the December 6, 2018 Board meeting were read. The date for the Scholarship meeting was changed to read April 4, 2019. Then the minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report — The Washington Federal checking account as of December 31, 2018 was \$16,753.65. The SKSR savings account had \$20,952.06. The Edward Jones (Winnie Smith) account had \$144,482.38 which represented a loss of \$4,644.22. The Edward Jones (SKSR account) had \$45,062.54 which represented a gain of \$1,412.94. The dues sent to us from WSSRA amounted to \$2,635. There were 5 memorial transfers from December 1 to January 8. There were 56 grant checks written.

Finance — Cheryl reported that she, Tom, and Jim need to meet with the Edward Jones accountant. She will set that up in the next couple of weeks.

Legislative — We are still in need of a chair from our unit. There was an article in the Bulletin about this.

Membership — We have 51 new members. The count from the state is 1,381 down 5 from last month. Nine down from last year. We have 21 pending members from the work done when the grant checks were handed out.

Educator Grants — Karen and her committee met in November and awarded 56 grants to individuals who applied for the first time (\$250). Those who applied for a second year were awarded \$150 and those the

third year \$100. Thirteen people signed up to help present the awards to 24 schools. Priscilla Strand presented at 6 schools. Presenters met in November to get their materials and go over the procedure. Karen had emailed the principals before so that they could expect a contact from the presenter. Tom reported that 40 checks had been cashed by today with another 8 in the process. Some checks are not being presented until the end of the month. Karen has made a flyer telling the recipients that the checks are good only until April 1. She surveyed the presenters. They agreed that it was better to get on the agenda before the first presenter meeting. She wants to work on the purpose of the awards and developing a rubric to assist in judging the relative merits of the applications. She wants to work on this before the retreat this summer so that at the retreat any changes can be made. She thanked Virg for all the work he has done in the past.

Health — No report. Donna will resign by the end of this fiscal year. Therefore, NW-1 needs a new chair for this.

Scholarship — They will be giving the information to the schools. In looking at the form and comparing it to other forms, Linda would like to add an essay as part of the application. After discussion, it was agreed to do this.

Sunshine — Evie reported that she sent: a sympathy card to the family of Betty Odle, a card and plant to Jim Siscel, a card and plant to Rita Requa, a sympathy card to the family of Iris Page, a sympathy card to the family of Jo Ann Sekowsky, a sympathy card to the family of Larry Squire and a sympathy card to the family of Hazel Wilcoxon.

Records — Erma reported that she sent 1057 Bulletins by email and 375 Bulletins by U S Postal service.

Website — Jim reported that he is keeping it up to date.

Bulletin —

Board Luncheon — Erma commented that we all had a good visit after a scare of not having heat. Everyone thanked Erma for the job of hosting.

WA Kids in Transition (service project). — Fifteen members met on January 5 to put a sweet, a salty and a fruit type bar in 2000 bags. We spent \$770 to buy those treats. Thirteen dedicated buses have bins in the back that are accessible on the ride home for the homeless children. It took 90 minutes to complete that task. Jim reserved a date for next year.

February General Meeting — Roberta gave an update on the scheduled Humanities presentation. She has been asked to notify WA state reps that this is happening. It also should be broadcast throughout the districts. It is being held February 7 with a 12:00 Meet and Greet, 12:20 the Edmonds School District Superintendent will address the group and a 1 o'clock presentation by the speaker, Felix Banel. The topic is weather extremes in the state of Washington. This means that the regular SKSR board meeting will be February 14.

March Field Trip — Linda passed around a sign-up sheet. We will meet at Aurora Village to drive down to the University of Washington crew house. We will see the boat from the “Boys in the Boat” (Olympic winners in 1936). She has 19 going so far. It will be on March 28 at 10 am. Car pool meeting around 9:00.

AARP Community Service Award — no nominees

April Scholarship Luncheon — It will be held at the First Lutheran Church, 18354 8th Ave W, Shoreline. Erma brought up the need for a first time walk through of the facility. She will arrange a time and then be joined by Linda, Jan and Robin. Jim announced that the musical group he had suggested will be unable to perform. There were no other suggestions for a group. Chef Dane will be catering. It will be a buffet. Jim will bring menus next time.

SKSR Scholarship Policy and Form — It was necessary to change the policy to clarify the intent. Motion made and passed to do this.

PRESIDENT FOR NEXT YEAR — Jim brought up this need. He will not be able to serve another term. We need to find someone.

NW 1 meeting — Jim, Donna, Barb, Virg, Roberta and Tom will be going. Karen and Roberta have volunteered to read the scholarship applications but want the meeting to have access to 6 hours of time.

Bulletin articles are due by February 13. Sooner is better.

Betty Odle's memorial will be January 20 at Evergreen Washelli at 1 pm.
Erma will send out a notice to the local members.

Adjourned at 2:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary