

The general meeting was held at Edmonds City Park. Jan Philips greeted the 37 attendees and welcomed them to our celebration. She introduced Dr. Susana Reyes, superintendent of Shoreline School District. Dr. Reyes thanked SKSR for its work: student scholarships, active member grants, and political activism.

Jan next introduced those SKSR Board members that were not taking an active role in the meeting's agenda and spoke to their contributions to SKSR.

Alan Burke, Executive Director of WSSRA, was introduced. He stated that SKSR is the second largest unit in the state. He spoke about the WSSRA Convention that will be held Sept. 12-14 at Great Wolf Lodge. He also stated that the approved Plan 1 COLA 3% increase (max of \$110) should appear on this month's check. In the next legislative session, WSSRA will be pursuing the Plan 1 COLA proposal. He requested that when WSSRA members are asked to inform their state legislators about their experience with inflation and the loss of their purchasing power. He also mentioned there will be an August 22 webinar about Uniform Medical.

Karen McElliott introduced four of this year's active member grant recipients: Erin Zackey, Matt Grover, Catherine Fuller, and Christina Torres. She spoke briefly about each grant. She encouraged active members to apply.

Linda Fitzgerald spoke about this year's four SKSR scholarship recipients: one from Shoreline, two from Northshore, and one from Edmonds; she explained their intended majors and universities. She also reported that a member of the public that read a recent article about the SKSR scholarships in a local newspaper, has chosen to donate \$10,000 to the SKSR scholarship fund.

Keith Lindaas then spoke about the Winnie Smith scholarships and reported that all four of last year's SKSR recipients are continuing in the second year of their plans to pursue a career in education; only one of those completing their second year of college is continuing to pursue a career in education; and three students finishing their third year will continue next year.

Jan Philips pointed out that Rita Requa, PAC representative, had placed PAC envelopes on each table for PAC donations and explained the purpose of the contributions. [Note: the donations totaled \$106.00.]

Jim Siscel introduced Marilyn and Dave Johnson and presented each with a framed certificate naming them Honorary Members of WSSRA.

Jim Siscel spoke to the state of the unit. SKSR has operated without an official president for a number of years. The office of vice president was also empty last year. He next introduced the candidates: Cathy Webb (Vice-President), Jan Philips (Secretary), and Tom (Treasurer). It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the three candidates elected. Alan Burke then installed them as officers for the 2022-23 school year.

Jim passed out copies of three proposed amendments to the SKSR Policies and Procedures for consideration. He explained that the need came out of the unit's groundwork to hire a clerical assistant. Even though the board decided not to pursue hiring a clerical assistant because of the paperwork and expense, it was felt that adapting these amendments would bring the unit's operation more in line with current practices.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to add these the three amendments to our policies and procedures.

Jim and Jan conducted a drawing for a variety of prizes.

Jan iterated the importance of bringing new ideas into the organization in order to keep it viable. She asked the attendees to consider becoming more involved in SKSR governance. Invitations were also extended to attend the SKSR Board Retreat and the WSSRA Convention. Interested individuals should contact Jim Siscel.

Karen McElliott
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