

Sno King School Retirees
Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Rachel Lake, Coordinator, at noon at Barlees Restaurant.

Those in attendance were: Cheryl Bauer, Barbara Berg, Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Dave Johnson, Bob Jones, Rachel Lake, Coordinator, Donna Murrish, Bob Nordeen, Evelyn Nordeen, Betty Odle, Rita Requa, Erma Snook.

The minutes remained uncorrected.

Treasurer, Donna Murrish, reported that there had been very little activity in the Treasury since closing the books June 30th. Nothing new to report.

REPORTS

Membership Expansion – Bob Nordeen reported that he had sent out over 100 letters contacting new retirees with less than a 10 per cent return. It is also very difficult to obtain mailing information for the new retirees because of stringent privacy issues.

Health Committee -- Gordon Bowers said that although there was no report today, there would be a report for the Bulletin coming up.

Donna Murrish announced that she has been appointed to the WSSRA Health Committee and would be attending a meeting in Moses Lake at the end of August.

Our Unit is well-represented at the state level, Donna Murrish, WSSRA Health Committee, Bob Jones, WSSRA Outreach Committee, Ellie Bonanno, WSSRA Unit Legislative Representative, Rachel Lake, PAC Treasurer, and Rita Requa, NWI District Representative.

Sunshine Committee – Evie reported that she had sent “get well” notes to Fran Peters and Warren Rowe and condolences to the Virg Rayton family on the passing of his mother.

Winnie Smith Ad Hoc Committee – Cheryl Bauer, Committee Secretary, reported that the committee had met. Committee members, Bruce Caldwell, Donna Murrish, Cheryl Bauer, Ellie Bonanno, and Linda Fitzgerald, had a very productive meeting. They were all assigned tasks to obtain information to report at the August 1st meeting. The focus is to explore the legalities guiding them and the options available to them in reviewing the Scholarship Foundation. Donna Murrish reported that all the requested paperwork had been sent to Winnie’s estate on our behalf.

OLD BUSINESS

July 19th Picnic – Betty Odle reported that RSVP were small, so far. She distributed phone lists for people to call to remind members. She also had lists of new retirees for us to call to invite any we knew personally. New retirees are invited as guests. The cost of the picnic is \$5. Barbara Berg will bring our scrapbooks, Bob Jones will play for us and the PAC table, manned by Jack Rogers, will sell attractive “blinky” pins. New officers will be installed.

Unit presidents from Whatcom, SnoIsle and Skagit/SanJuan will also attend the picnic for the presentation of the state Golden Apple Award to Representative Maralyn Chase. She is being honored for her strategic amendment to the Gain Sharing Bill which eventually led to the 40 cent result versus the 32 cent originally proffered. Bill Jennings will make the presentation. Ed Gonion, Leslie Main and John Lothspeich are also invited to attend.

After thorough discussion, Dave Johnson moved and it was seconded that we utilize the table cloths that Ellie, Betty and Alice have for the picnic this year. Motion carried.

Betty is collecting anything we have for a raffle at the picnic. Cheryl Bauer will assist Donna in collecting money for admission. Those bringing food need to arrive no later than 11:30 a.m.

Scholarship Criteria Review – A discussion was held regarding the awarding of scholarships to non-USA citizens. The requirement was inadvertently omitted last year from the application form and now the policy seems worthy of review. Rachel questioned Nick Schultz at the WSSRA Scholarship Foundation to see if there was an existing policy at the state level. He said it had never been discussed but it was probably a needed topic for their board. Several comments from our board members revolved around whether to require it, and what were the legalities of doing so. Another issue regarding criteria was raised about whether to give extra points to those applicants planning on attending in-state universities.

Dave Johnson moved and it was seconded to let the Scholarship Committee make a recommendation to the SKSR Executive Board about whether or not to retain the sentence requiring US citizenship. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of Officers – Betty Odle has a plan for the installation. We still do not have a president elect to install.

Benefit Fairs – Bob Jones was contacted by Edmonds School District to attend their Benefit Fair, September 5 and 6 from 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Erma contacted Shoreline and Northshore. Shoreline's Fair will be the 28th or 30th of August. Jim Sisco will man it and might like volunteer assistance from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Northshore declined our request to attend their fair. At the Edmonds Fair, we will donate two Entertainment Books for the raffle as last year. There are no raffles in Shoreline, but we will sell Entertainment Books at both Fairs.

Entertainment Books – Donna Murrish reported that the cost of the books, this year, had gone down and that we will now receive \$4 instead of the \$6 from each book sale that we received in the past. So we will need to sell more books for the same yield. If we sell more than 90 books, every sale over that returns 50% to us. They will be shipped to Donna the first week in August and she is now taking orders. Books given as gifts, and books from other areas can be obtained by Donna. It was suggested that we put a tear-off order coupon in the Bulletin.

Very Good Of The Order – Cheryl Bauer extended our heartfelt thanks to Rachel for leading our SKSR Unit so successfully this past year!! Kudos expressed all around.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.
Secretary, Erma Snook