

Attendees: Co-President Jim Siscel, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Barbara Berg, Linda Fitzgerald, Keith Lindaas, Karen McElliott, Donna Murrish, Evelyn Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Erma Snook

Co-President Jim Siscel called the meeting to order at 9 am. He led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes. Secretary Jan Phillips read the minutes which were then corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Jim introduced Karen McElliott. He also told us that Diana McQuay has resigned as grants chair, due to health reasons. Marilyn Dauer has resigned from making the phone calls to get help for folding the Bulletin. She has moved to Redmond

Rita agreed to be the legislative chair for our local unit. She will need help when the legislature needs to be contacted by personal representatives from our unit. (Rita is this the way it should be said?)

Jim passed out the current roster and the calendar, both versions. He asked for corrections to the documents.

Treasurer. Tom Hawkins reported that the final accounting stands at: \$27,668 in the Checking account; \$10,257.97 in the SKSR Scholarship Savings; \$171,412.70 in the Winnie Smith account (which made \$87.30 in interest); and \$45,542.25 in Scholarship Edward Jones account (making \$14.54 in interest). There is a balance in the Bulk mailing account for future mailing. It cost more to cater the luncheons this year but we still have keep the cost to attendees the same. Tom went over the proposed budget. A new line item is the rental of venues. These were separated out from the events. The Reserve fund rationale was explained. Dues from WSSRA amounted to \$32,872. He asked the scholarship committee how much money will be withdrawn this summer to meet that obligation. The response was \$18,000 for the Winnie Smith portion and \$8,000 for the SKSR portion.

Finance. Jim read Cheryl's report. The Committee met in June.

Legislature. Rita reported that the Primary ballots will be mailed later this month. She read Roco Gianni's response to her inquiry.

Membership. Jim reported that we receive a Certificate of the highest distinction from WSSRA. He described the new incentive bonus for joining that WSSRA is instituting. As of July 2nd we have 1,394 members. One member did request to be dropped. As for our incentives for a new member he will be adding a pen to the flashlight already given.

Jim will write an article about the active educator grants for the upcoming Bulletin.

Health. Donna went to the Health session at the Convention. She volunteered to take minutes and shared some of the information from those minutes. The book Just Keep Moving by Dick VanDyke was recommended. She will attend 3 State meetings a year. She will write an article for The Bulletin about some of the recommendations from the State meeting.

Sunshine. Evie reported that she sent: a caring note to Rita Requa, a sympathy card to Sally Staser Grube whose husband had died, a sympathy to Dale Parker and family whose wife Katherine died (she was an SKSR member), a caring card to Gil Snook, and a sympathy card to Elizabeth (Libby) and Amy Rusts whose mother had died. Both Libby and Amy are SKSR members. She thanked Barb Baumgartner for the beautiful cards she makes for Evie to use.

Scholarships. Linda wrote an article for the last Bulletin on the 4 SKSR recipients. Keith Lindaas reported on the Winnie Smith recipients and read a thank you note from Ashley Aversano. They both reported on the follow up that they do on the recipients. Tom thanked Donna for her work on sending out the monies to the recipients.

Records. Erma reported that there were 384 Bulletins mailed through the US Office. She emailed 998. Because of the volume she needs to send them in batches. Staples is our new printer. There is a distinct quality upgrade and they are very accommodating. This means a shorter turn-around time from submitting the Bulletin until it is ready to mail. She has the capability to update the directory and will publish this notice in the June/July Bulletin. Members can then request this service.

Web site. Jim reported that there has been a change in the Grants and Scholarship areas. They each have their own area.

Bulletin. Any materials that are to be published needs to be in to Jo by 8 AM on the 13th of the month.

Picnic signup. Jim will pick up the materials that are stored in the locker from Erma. Barbara has the lemonade maker. He then went over the sign-ups to remind people what to bring. It was moved and seconded that there be a flat fee of \$5 per person, (not a surcharge for spouses and guests). Motion passed.

Primary Voter's Pamphlet. Erma got all the candidates' names and Jim sent them a questionnaire with 7 questions. Out of the 23 that he sent he got 8 responses. Erma will send those out via email. Jim suggested that everyone needs to read Marilyn Chase's responses.

Benefits Fair. They will be held September 12 both for Edmonds and Shoreline School Districts. A signup was sent around to help with these two events.

New Business

Program ideas. Jim sent around a list that he had generated for us to consider. After discussion votes were taken on the ideas. After the selection process sign-ups were taken as to who would help with each of the meetings. The November Brunch will be catered by Bistro 76. Chef Dane will cater the luncheon in April. The Service Project was discussed and there will be further discussion in September about this. Linda, Rita and Roberta will chair this discussion.

Field trip ideas

Assignment of meetings.

Bistro 76 will cater the brunch in November

Chef Dane will cater in April

Service Project for 2019. Linda, Rita and Roberta will do some research so

that we can discuss this at the September meeting

New membership idea from state The state will give each new member \$10 in cash. Jim will get the new membership information and then mail a \$10 bill to them from WSSRA.

President - Elect. Everyone was okay with this idea.

By-Laws. Jim went over the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Most of the changes were either grammatical or intended to reflect how we currently do them. After discussion it was moved and seconded to present them to the general membership at the picnic. Motion passed.

Scholarship By-Laws. Jim presented these. The changes were mainly grammatical and to bring them into line with the proposed By-Laws. Motion and second were made to present them to the general membership at the picnic. Motion passed.

Learning Labs A new Edmonds School District program is looking for volunteers to help with after school tutoring. After discussion it was deemed appropriate to post on our website under volunteer opportunities.

Member survey. Jim would like input on a proposed questionnaire to be sent to our membership. He will send them to the Board electronically. The questionnaire will be sent out. Discussion will take place in September concerning the results. The hope is to increase participation.

Policies and Procedures. Jim went over the area that dealt with grants. Virg was thanked for his many years at chairing this program.

Final Budget. It was moved and seconded to present the budget we had discussed earlier in the meeting to the general membership at the picnic. Motion passed.

National Assessment of Education Progress. This is a paid position to assess the progress of 12th grade students. Information about the position will be posted under Volunteer Opportunities on the website.

Adjourned at 3:10

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary