

SKSR Board (Zoom) Meeting

July 8, 2021

Attendance: Acting Chair Jan Phillips, Jim Siscel, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Evie Nordeen, Cheryl Bauer, Erma Snook, Virg Rayton, Karen McElliott (Acting Secretary)

Call to Order/Welcome – Jim called the meeting to order and led us in the flag salute.

Adoption of June Minutes – A motion was made and passed to adopt the June (emailed) minutes as edited.

Treasurer's Report – Tom reported that as of June 1 the WA Federal checking contained \$48,167.81 and the WA Fed (SKSR scholarship) saving, \$6,694.44. At Edward Jones, the Winnie Smith fund contained \$151,176.09, an increase of \$2,078. The Scholarship fund contained \$84,392.02, an increase of \$1,119.60. The total interest on the Edward Jones for the fiscal year just ending was \$33,930.62. One memorial transfer (Jan Maxson) was made. Jim, Jan, and Tom will have a pre-budget meeting to review the proposed 2021-22 budget before the August retreat.

Legislative Update – Jim said there had been no new updates since Tim's article in the most recent issue of the *Bulletin*.

Membership – Jim stated that SKSR membership stands currently at 1,395, down 12 from last month, 38 from last year. In the last month there was 1 new member pending, 3 deaths, and 1 requested removal. Jim read a note that he had recently sent to Rebecca Miner on her retirement as the Superintendent of Shoreline School District and her response, saying how she enjoyed working with our organization.

Educator Grants – Karen reported that only one of the grant recipients (Matt Grover) would be attending the picnic. The districts have sent preliminary end-of-the-year budget reports. Edmonds still has a pending purchase. Shoreline has 1 pending purchase, 1 unspent grant from 2019-20, and several grants with

have unspent remainders. Shoreline will return the remaining funds which depending on last-minute purchases could be about \$415.

Health—no report

Scholarships --Jim reported that the Evergreen University contacted him about Sydni Hillman, an SKSR scholarship recipient, who has only used 1/3 of her \$2,000. Keith has been unable to connect with her to check her status. The university will try to contact her. If she is not enrolled in the fall, the university will return the remaining money.

Sunshine - Barb submitted a report that she had sent sympathy cards to the families of David A. Wilson, Mike Malan, Nancy McMann, Janice Maxson, and Donna Montzheimer. She also sent a thank you card with an Amazon gift card to Rebecca Miner on her retirement as Superintendent of SSD.

Records - Erma reported that she sent three messages during the last month: the latest issue of the *Bulletin*, a picnic reminder, and a picnic RSVP deadline reminder. The last two went to local members only. Twenty-two of our October political endorsement mailings were returned because street addresses in the directory are no longer current. She has updated those she could contact through email/by phone. We discussed whether she should send Board members or all members a more up-to-date version of the directory and also how we could update the remaining missing addresses (less than four).

Website - Jim is keeping the website up to date.

Bulletin - no report

New Business

Picnic Update - Jan reported that she will be at the Edmonds City Park at 9:30 on Thursday, July 15 to secure our tables. She asked

Linda and Karen to arrive at 10:00 to help her clean tables, secure tablecloths, etc. Jim has already purchased the bottled water and will pick up the lunches on the morning. Currently 41 people have indicated they are planning to attend. To facilitate money collection, Tom will bring 20 \$5 bills; he asked for a list of the 41 names. Jan will double check her list to see if any grant recipients other than Matt Grover had RSVPed directly to her so that Tom will have an accurate list of those who we have invited (i.e., do not pay for lunch). Tom also suggested that self-adhesive labels (name/lunch order) be run to attach to the lunches to speed distribution and accuracy. Dr. Allan Burke, WSSRA Executive Director, and Bruce Boyer, WSSRA President, will attend. Jan and Jim shared the agenda for the program part of the picnic.

June Virtual Convention Report – no report

2021-2022 Officers – nothing new to report

Retreat Location and Food – Jim reported that the August 12 Retreat will either be at the Shoreline Center (Plan A) or his house (Plan B); he is waiting to hear if the facility is available. Lunch will be provided either by Chef Dane or Panera, depending on the location. Start time is 10:00. All agenda items for the Retreat should be sent to Jim.

Connections Host Home Program – Jim read a communication from Cocoon House requesting SKSR post information about this new program on the SKSR website. After some discussion, it was decided that Jim would post it with a link to the Cocoon House website and that he would specify that this was an “information only” item, not an endorsement.

Humanities Washington Speaker info - Roberta reported that the Humanities WA has posted its speakers for the next two-year cycle. She, Jan, Tom, and Jim reviewed the offerings and preselected three that they thought would be most engaging for our membership: Whiskey and Wiretaps, A Nicer Kind of Murder, and The River that

Made Seattle. She explained that board members would receive an email that would contain synopses, etc. of the three selections and a second email that would contain a ballot to be returned to her. The results will be used to select the coming year's program and possibly the following year.

Brief discussion on Bruce's proposal—Jim requested that each board member with a responsibility needs to create a list of possible tasks that could be passed to a “director/manager” if we were to decide that this would be our solution to the lack of members coming forward to fill SKSR leadership roles. Jim will send each member a copy of both Bruce's proposal and Cheryl's thoughts. Discussion also included the effect that a paid employee could have on SKSR's tax status and the negative effect a paid employee could have on encouraging volunteerism. This will be more fully discussed at the Retreat.

WSSRA Virtual Convention/Awards Recognition Ceremony—Jim reported that this will take place in a webinar format on September 15. Delegates to the June Virtual Convention will automatically receive an email link.

WA Kids in Transition—Jim read a letter from WA Kids in Transition enumerating services it provided during the past year, including hotel stays, electricity vouchers, wishes, pounds of food, and loaded backpacks.

Bulletin—Articles for the next issue are due no later than August 13.

Adjournment—Jan adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McElliott