

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES
EXECUTIVE BOAD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2012

Those Present: Betty Odle, Donna Murrish, Erma Snook, Rachel Lake, Jim Siscel, Rita Requa, Roberta Hawkins, Ellie Bonanno, Virg Rayton, Cheryl Bauer, Barbara Berg, and Alice Bingamon

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Jim Siscel who led us in the flag salute. A moment of silence was taken to honor Gordon Bowers.

Secretary's Report: Rita moved to approve the minutes as printed. Motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Donna went over the printed information. It was suggested that we try to make the bulletin a little smaller as we are over budget in this area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Food Lifeline Volunteering: The date for this event has been changed to March 29. Jim went around the table checking to be sure those who had signed up could still go. We have 12 people going as of now. Jim will send directions and volunteer safety information. We should be there by 12:45.

April Scholarship: A sign up sheet for attendance and food was sent around. The musicians from Sherwood should arrive around 12:45. It will cost us under \$100 for the bus. Alice moved we give Phil Onishi and his group a gratuity of \$75. Motion was seconded and passed. We are encouraged to bring items for the food bank. We will also have the installation of new officers at that time. Just for the record they are:

President – Jim Siscel

Vice-president – Roberta Hawkins

Secretary – Cheryl Bauer

Treasurer – Donna Murrish

Does this all look familiar??!

There will be a formal election first, and Betty will then do the installation.

As a side note, Erma Snook will be the NW 1 President, and Donna Murrish will serve as the NW 1 secretary.

May Meeting Update: This event will be May 15 (12:00 PM) at the Sno-Isle Tech Center in south Everett. The cost is \$15, and since it is a pre pay event, Donna would like the money by May 1.

Hoban/McNaughton Nominations: These are due by March 17. Ellie Bonanno is our nominee for the Patrick T. Hoban Award.

Retirement Seminars: These have been well attended this year. The first session had 147 and the second session had 169. Participants come from four school districts: Shoreline, Edmonds, Northshore and Mukilteo.

Service Center Thank You: Evie did a great job of finding a beautiful basket, which was given to the Edmonds Service Center as a “thank you” for letting us use their facilities for our meetings and the bulletin folding.

Convention Basket: We are having a “Picnic Theme.” Barbara Berg will do this again this year. Items can be brought to the April Luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Northwest-1 Report: Those attending were Jim, Virg, Barb, Erma, and Roberta. Dick Anderson spoke and his theme for the year as he serves as WSSRA President is “Stand Up and Be Heard.” They hope to have a new executive secretary before convention. Barbara Pugh, who had served in this capacity for many years, died during the year.

We are encouraged to be pro-active and write, call, and/or email our legislators whenever there are issues that concern us. They only got 1660 email addresses to use in sharing legislative news. They were hoping for a lot more. We then discussed sending out a post card with legislative addresses, etc. Rachel will do that for next year. (after the election in November.)

NW - 1 had a silent auction with over 50 items and raised over \$272 for the WSSRA PAC.

Carol Chris Schultz, who wrote Crossing the Void, was suggested as a speaker for either our November or May meeting.

Convention Planning: The hotel rate is \$109 a night. We have a block at the Red Lion in the Park. It can be reached by going on-line or calling at 509 326-8000. Those going so far include: Jim, Rita (as WSSRA), Virg, Erma, Roberta, Ellie, Barb, Donna, Betty, and Alice. Jim will be going over on Monday and can take four more people with him.

Karaoke Speaker: Jim can get one from Amazon.com for \$147.

September/October Meeting: Jim will check with Chef Becky at LeBistro at the Sno-Isle Center to see if we could meet there. It is getting harder and harder to find a place for us. Many have gone up in price significantly for a group our size.

Unit of Distinction: Jim went through the items one by one. We meet all but one.

Retirement Week: Jim passed on to the three districts the memo from Governor Gregoire regarding honoring retirees.

FYI: Jay Inslee did retract his idea of using the state retirement funds to invest in other businesses. Side Note: He now is no longer a representative, but a full time candidate for governor.

April Bulletin: The due date is March 12. Jim went over who was doing what for the bulletin. (Dave told me that they were able to keep it to eight pages this time.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: We have \$160,036 in the WS Fund at this time.

Legislative: Ellie reported that she went to Olympia in February and spoke to several legislators. State budget approval or non-approval was happening as we met.

Membership: We are still #2 in the state. We have 1257 members with 7 pending.

Grants: Virg reported that there was still one grant to be delivered.

Health: Any volunteers? Gordon will be a hard act to follow. Health magazines and other information will be provided.

Sunshine: We missed Evie, but she had sent her report to Jim, who then read the following: Cards sent to Georgianna Young, Corky Christensen, Nancy Velie, Robert Hawkins, Gordon Bowers, Gordon's family, Shay Thaelke, Kathleen Allen, Arthur Child's family, Bob and Connie Peters, and

Alice Glasgow. You were busy, Evie!

Other: Erma shared some information regarding a Burglary Prevention summit being held by the Lynnwood police. Everyone is welcome to attend. The date first meeting has passed, but the second meeting is Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 PM at the Lynnwood Municipal Court at 19321 44th Ave. West on the second floor. You can call for more information at 425 670-5635 or go to ssessions@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bauer