

March 10, 2016 SKSR Executive Board Minutes

Attendees: Coordinator Cheryl Bauer, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Donna Murrish, Linda Fitzgerald, Tom Hawkins, Evelyn Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Cheryl welcomed everyone.

The Executive Board minutes for February 11, 2016 were approved as corrected

The General meeting minutes for February 18, 2016 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report - Donna presented the budget. Discussion followed about how to allocate rent expenditures and the costs of Scholarship luncheons. A committee will meet in June to discuss possible changes to the treasurer's report. The committee will consist of Cheryl, Tom, Donna and Jan.

Financial report – Cheryl reported that the Winnie Smith account had \$191,754.65.

Legislative report – Rita commented that the last day of the regular legislative session is tomorrow, March 11. A special session will probably be called. The “retire/rehire’ bill is in the Senate concurrent committee. There was a proposal to merge the pension of the firefighters with TRS 1 but there is opposition to that. For PAC fundraisers she requested that a check be written for each donation.

Membership – Jim reported that we have 1350 members with 18 pending.

Grants – Virg started a discussion on the problem when grant money was unable to be used as intended. A motion was passed to use the money awarded this year to Mary Magill for solar kits instead of the original proposal.

Health – Cheryl thanked Erma for the health article that was in the last bulletin. Donna has stepped forward to become the health chair for next year.

Scholarship – Linda reported that she already had one application although the deadline is not until March 18.

Sunshine – Evie reported that she sent: a sympathy card to the family of Elizabeth Puckett, a sympathy card to the family of Elve Fathers, a sympathy card to the family of Febe Faber, and a sympathy card to Bobbie Traeger in the loss of her husband, Tom.

Records – Erma had no report.

Website – Jim has received a request that we allow someone else to take over the website. This was discussed and all felt that we are satisfied with Jim's presentation.

Unfinished Business

February program – Everyone enjoyed it

April Scholarship luncheon – A signup sheet was passed around. Cheryl has arranged for musicians to play prior to the program. We went over food items and cost. It was decided that when the budget was formulated in August the cost was simply a guess, therefore the board okayed expenditures that would go above the cost allowed by the budget. We will need items for the raffle and need to get information out as the next bulletin is published after the luncheon.

Joint May luncheon – The menu items are Cod Florentine and chicken. The cost is \$15 and we need a count by May 11. The presentation will be “Around the World with the Peace Corps”.

Retirement seminar – Jim reported that the attendance was about the same as in the past.

NW District Scholarship – Cheryl reported that there were 25 scholarships and that Karen McElliot and she will help the District committee.

McNaughton Award – Linda is our nominee and Cheryl asked for information so that she can fill out the form. This award is for community service.

New Business

Scholarship follow-up – It was pointed out that we seldom hear what happens to awardees after graduation. We would enjoy hearing how they are doing. That led to a possible suggestion for August budget discussion – that of the possibility of granting \$200 as a new teacher grant.

Convention – Cheryl reminded us that the convention is June 6, 7, and 8 at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Yakima with a phone number of 509-494-7000 for rooms. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Ann Raymond-Joseph who will talk about Arts in the classroom. March 15 is the deadline for the delegate count.

Other Business

Articles for the bulletin were assigned. An article on the convention will be added. Linda will do the Scholarship Luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary