

Attendees: President Jim Siscel, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Barb Berg, Cheryl Bauer, Linda Fitzgerald, Karen McElliott, Evelyn Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Erma Snook,

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes for the January 10 Board Meeting were amended and then approved.

Roberta reported on the February 7 General Meeting. There was no business, so there are no minutes.

Treasurer's report — Tom. Reported that we had 2 memorials during January. As of the end of February we have \$17,043.53 in the checking account. There is \$21,252.06 in the SKSR savings account. The Winnie Smith portion of the Edward Jones account has \$153,296.27 an increase of \$1,896.48. The SKSR portion has \$45,717.43 with an increase of \$2,205.45. We have received our portion of the state dues in the amount of \$2803. There were 5 memorials for the months of February and March. He received 2 thank you notes from the families.

Finance — Cheryl has set a March 22 meeting with the Edward Jones rep, Tom, Jim and herself to review the account portfolio.

Legislative — Jim gave a brief update on the status of the bills we are watching. They are in limbo until the budget is dealt with.

Membership — As of March we have 1426 members with 7 pending and 5 deceased members.

Grants — Karen reported that all 56 grants have been delivered and only one grant check has not been cashed. She has informed the Superintendents of the recipients. Dr. Miner sent a thank you note for that information. Karen thanked the principals for the time taken from their meetings for the presentations.

Health Services — Donna has resigned from the District Health Committee Chairmanship.

Scholarships — Linda reported that as of today (March 14) she had received no applications. However, the deadline was for a postmark of today so is hopeful that she will receive some.

Sunshine — Evie reported that she sent the following cards: a sympathy card to the family of Ruth Woodward (son Loren), a caring card to Rita Requa, a sympathy card to the family of Katherine Leland, a sympathy card to the family of Margaret Stephenson (Dahl), a caring card to Jim Siscel, a get well card to Lois Beal, a sympathy card to the family of Leon Applebaum, a sympathy card to the family of Larry Christensen, a sympathy card to the family of John Markarian, a sympathy card to the family of Dave Ryles, a sympathy card to the family of Ellen Squillace, a sympathy card to the family of Arthur Day and a sympathy card to the family of Alyce Wiggins.

Records — Erma reported that she has sent 6 different messages to the membership since February 14. This amounts to 1070 emails each time. She will be meeting with Priscilla Strand at the First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach (new location for luncheons) to check out and arrange for the setting up of the luncheon. Linda, Evie, Barb and Jan will be there as well. She can send a reminder and driving directions to the individuals who have signed up to attend. She also sent a link to DRS about retirement issues to our active members.

February meeting — Roberta reported that the General Humanities presentation was great. There was a small group of about 20 due the snowy conditions. Lynndale Elementary principal, Chris Fulford, talked about student evaluations and reporting system. His report was as a parent, a teacher and an administrator. The presentation on unique storms in Washington wove historical data and videos as well as commentary. The focus was on the impact of the event to the community.

Field trip to Washington Crew House — Linda reported that 36 people have signed up. There is room for up to 50.

Rita has volunteered to be the state chair for Rules and Resolutions.

Scholarship Fair at Meadowdale High School — Linda reported that students were not very interesting in checking out the possibility of scholarships. Not just for ours but in general.

Scholarship Luncheon — Evie reported that it will be held at a new location, the First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach. There are 19 attendees so far. The entree will be lasagna. Linda will introduce the scholarship recipients. Michelle Carol, Syre-principal, and their choir will be the entertainment. Barb will bring the table decorations. We will be paying for the school bus transportation. It was moved and seconded that we give \$100 to the Syre music department for the transportation. Jim will purchase wine for the drawing.

The Joint luncheon with Sno-Isle will have Gloria Kawabori as the speaker. Dr. Alan Burke will give us an update on the legislative session.

Jim reported that our suggestion to the state to restrict scholarships to students who will be attending schools within Washington state was rejected.

Nominating Committee — Jim asked for volunteers for the committee. Linda and Jan did so. All four offices need to be filled. Jan said that she would run for secretary and Tom agreed to run for treasurer. That leaves President and Vice President to be filled. Discussion followed on who might be approached.

NW 1 Scholarship readers — Roberta and Karen will be do this for us.

NW 1 report — Jim reported that Peter Diedrick talked about the state of the bills in the current legislative session. Bills that did not get out of committee in time can still be brought back especially if they are involved with the budget.

New Business

Jim reported on a possible General Meeting topic. He was at a presentation that dealt with elder issues; estate planning, medical, assisted living downsizing, real estate. This will be a topic at the retreat.

WSSRTA Journal — There were hard copies found in Betty Odle's estate dealing with the history. It was decided to contact the state to see if they would be interested in these materials.

Revising of Grant Procedure — Karen will send a questionnaire out to get information. She asked what the purpose of the grant was. What is it supposed to do? What do people value? She would like to come up with a scoring guide. She thinks we need to have a decision by May so that it can be publicized for this fall.

Study of Scholarship awarding — Jim asked for a committee to work on this. Linda and Jan volunteered.

Convention — Hotels available are the Red Lion or Holiday Inn in Yakima. Evie, Virg, Tom, Roberta, Cheryl, Barb, Jim, and Jan will be attending. Room for more. The WSSRA website is the place to contact for arrangements. Single room will be paid for. The nights are June 3 and 4. Jim will buy gift cards and wine for the auction.

Retiree Week Proclamation — Retiree Week is March 18-22. Shoreline has sent out invitations to an event. The time is 10 - 11 AM on March 21.

Other — Erma showed the front of this month's journal. SKSR is featured. There is also a large article with more pictures in the Journal itself.

Jan Link has asked to have time at the Luncheon to talk about her project of aiding "failing students". It was decided that we will direct attention from our website to volunteer opportunities, which includes hers. However, she will not be given time to speak.

Adjourned at 3 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary