

SKSR General meeting

November 17, 2022

November Luncheon held at Edmonds Admin Center

Linda Fitzgerald (chair) welcomed everyone to the luncheon. The attendees then enjoyed lunch which was catered by Chef Dane.

After lunch Linda introduced Jim Siscel. Jim introduced the speaker for the day, George Smith, AMBA representative. George talked about the association that AMBA has with WSSRA. Because of this we have access to many different opportunities. Those include but are not limited to long term care, alternate dental and vision insurance and other benefits. Through AMBA we can receive discount benefits to various programs including travel and restaurants.

Cathy Webb talked about attending the state convention. While there, one of the presentations included why to volunteer. Cathy's presentation was entitled "What If — you could make a difference". She shared some of the positive effects that can happen when a person volunteers.

Virg Rayton reported on Washington Kids in Transition. The Board has adopted this as our community service project. He reported that there are over 1200 children in Snohomish County who are homeless. Volunteers are no longer able to pack boxes of food that would later be delivered on buses. Now WA Kids in Transition packs art supplies and through social workers delivers food and other services to these families. Virg arranged for a group to do this on April 29. Notice will be sent out for volunteers to sign up. We are, also, accepting individual donations that will be passed onto WA Kids in Transition.

Karen reported that the Asian Art Museum field trip will take place in March. The January Bulletin will have further information on time and date. We are able to go at a reduced cost because we are a non-profit and are local. She then talked about the grant applications. There were 36 applications that were scored. She is in need of people who would be willing to go into 15 schools to give out the grants. She had passed out sheets to each table that had the schools listed that had applicants. She asked for volunteers to present the grants. There will be 2 information sessions on how to do this: one on December 5 at 10:30 in the Alderwood Mall Food court and a second one on December 7 at the Third Place Books.

Roberta reported that we have a special event coming in February. Humanities Washington and SKSR are hosting a live program at the Edmonds District Center on Thursday February 16, 2023 at 12:00p. "After the Blast: Mount St. Helens 40 Years Later". We are to look for information in the January Bulletin.

Linda talked about the need for a treasurer. Tom has built computer programs that make the job much easier. The time requirements are minimal; board meetings (about 9 a year), 6 events and about 4 hours a month to do the paperwork.

Linda also talked about her experience changing from Uniform Medical to United Healthcare through PEBB. It was not an easy change but not difficult either because of help she got from the Health Care Authority. It will save her over \$3,000 a year. She told the group to go to the webinar on WSSRA's website and look for the August 22, 2022 Medicare webinar.

Linda reported that Mae Cramer, a former scholarship winner, has received an Obama scholarship amounting to \$100,000.

Jim welcomed a new retiree, Debra Comfort.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Phillips, Secretary