

SKSR General Membership Meeting
Scholarship Brunch

November 16, 2017

Cheryl called the meeting to order at 10:40 am. She then dismissed the attendees to partake of the brunch buffet.

At 11:10 she thanked Jim Siscel for picking up the food from Chef Dane. Cheryl introduced Dr. Kris McDuffy, Edmonds School District Superintendent. Dr. McDuffy commented that for part of her career she taught in the Shoreline District. She also commented that she is a member of SKSR. She told us that there are over 21,000 students in the school district. Fifty-one percent of them are students of color. She went over pamphlets that she had put at each of the tables. She also told about the construction projects that were underway. There is a planning committee that is currently looking at future needs of the school district in anticipation of a levy in 2020.

Jan Phillips introduced the speaker Ellen O'Neil Stephens, founder of Courthouse Dogs. Ellen then introduced Molly, a Courthouse Facility Dog. She stated that she was a retired deputy prosecuting attorney. That job and her son led to the founding of Courthouse Dogs. These dogs help within the legal system. The dogs provide neutral support for traumatized children (victims of sexual abuse and other crimes) give their testimony. She had a Power Point with videos and different scenes that she discussed. Her foundation works in 35 states as well as in Canada, Great Britain and Chile. She went over why the foundation was put in place and how the dogs are trained.

Cheryl commented that SKSR is taking December off, but that in January there is a service project called Food Lifeline. There is a sign-up for that. In February, a Master Gardener will speak at the meeting.

People were asked to sign up to help with the grant presentations. That job entails going to the school, giving out the check and telling about the possibility of joining us. There are 22 schools involved.

The table centerpieces (mums) and 4 bottles of wine were given away in a random drawing.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Phillips, secretary