

Sno-King School Retirees Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Rachel Lake.

Those in attendance were: Cheryl Bauer, Barbara Berg, Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Marlene Johnson, Rachel Lake, Donna Murrish, Bob Nordeen, Evelyn Nordeen, Betty Odle, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Winnie Smith and Erma Snook.

**Dates to Remember**

November 16	Fall Scholarship Luncheon	Noon
January 8	NW#1 Meeting in Mt Vernon	9:30 a.m.
January 11	Executive Board Meeting	1 p.m.
January 17	Newsletter Info to Dave Johnson	
January 30	Folding Date	10 a.m.
February 8	Executive Board Meeting	1 p.m.
February 12	NW#1 Meeting in Mt. Vernon	9:30 a.m.
February 15	General Meeting – Alice Bingaman	1 p.m.

Rita Requa moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes as published. Motion carried.

Donna Murrish's Treasurer's report regarded the Entertainment Book sales. We have sold the initial order of 70 books and have ordered 20 more. Some of those are already sold. So far, we have earned \$420 for the Scholarship Fund.

Rachel Lake announced that following the meeting, we would stuff the new directory mailers with a Legislative Card. The card is for members to use to contact their legislators regarding Gain Sharing and/or retirement benefits' maintenance or improvement.

**REPORTS**

WSSRA Board Meeting: Rita Requa reported items of interest from the Board Meeting. She reported on an Indian Tribe Program by Frances Charles. Open enrollment for PEBB will be open until Nov. 30. The WSSRA Journal Deadline is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. The State Outreach Committee, a service committee, is defining their charge and recruiting representatives from each area. If you are interested in representing our area, contact Rita. The Mission Statement displayed on the back cover of WSSRA Journal is to be streamlined for easier reading to reflect only our Mission Statement and our Vision.

Legislative: The message to relay to our legislators is that the state owes us Gain Sharing and any altering of that plan needs to be of comparable or better value. If you need background or a resource for writing to your legislators to that effect, the WSSRA Journal has it. Don Carlson, our newly hired lobbyist, encourages us to hold strong to our needs all the while being very clear and up front about the costs.

Membership Expansion: Virg Rayton reported that our total membership, currently, is 1176 members. Last month it was 1181. Last year it was 1165 and we now have 8 memberships pending. He reported that one area of focus for his efforts was regaining non-renewing members. Rita explained what they do at the state level to regain them. School visitations, to promote membership among active teachers, are set to begin in January. There are visitations already scheduled by Bob Nordeen for Lynnwood High on Dec. 1, and Ellie Bonanno has scheduled a visit at Terrace Park Elem. on Jan 8. We need to make a more concerted effort to get in to the Northshore and Shoreline Schools.

Sunshine: Evelyn Nordeen reported that cards were sent to Georgianna and to Donna Murrish.

Grants: Rita reported having received 8 grant applications, so far. The deadline is Nov 15. It was suggested that the grants be presented to the recipient at his/her school for more visibility for our work. We want to recruit more applicants, if possible, before the deadline.

A discussion followed about how to make our work more public. Ellie expressed a wish that we had a presence in the local newspapers—a goal for the future.

#### OLD BUSINESS

November Program: Evelyn Nordeen, program chair, reported the luncheon will be held November 16, 2006, at the Edmonds Unitarian Church. The potluck luncheon is to benefit the Scholarship Fund. The entertainment is the Fauntleroy Jazz Ensemble. Be sure to RSVP to Cheryl Bickford at 206-363-2731. Cheryl Bauer encouraged us to bring donations for the Food Bank Drive. Virg will arrange for the PA system. Rachel will send an email reminder to board members to bring the donations they signed up for. We have 45 reservations so far. We have several great raffle donations including wine, pictures, etc. Donations to the raffle come from Rita, Barbara and Marlene and Dave.

Newsletter: Kudos were sent to Dave Johnson for the great job he did on his first Newsletter publication. We are so grateful for his outstanding efforts.

Directory Update: Donna Murrish reported that the directories were currently being printed and will be done next week. She will hostess a "stuffing party" at her home. Concern was expressed by Ellie that the phone number for the Foundation House, a directory advertiser, was incorrect. We will note a correction, if that is the case, in the next Newsletter. The correct phone number is 425-402-9606. The directory reflects the advertising copy they sent us, but it may not be current.

#### NEW BUSINESS

File of Life: Alice Bingaman gave us an Emergency Information Magnet pouch for our refrigerators. We are to file information for medical emergencies in this pocket. Emergency attendants know to check on refrigerators for this File of Life. It is put out by the Red Cross and Senior Services of Snohomish County. Alice may have a few extra packets. A discussion followed about what was secure info to include in this file. We were again cautioned about where and when we give out our Social Security numbers.

WWU Flyer: Rachel Lake distributed a flyer from WWU recruiting Elem. Education Program Math Instructors. Interested parties contact Rachel.

By-Laws: Erma Snook distributed copies of the updated By-Laws that were amended as of September 21, 2006 general meeting. (See Copy attached) There is a copy for each Board Member. Be sure to get your copy. The change in the By-Laws reflects the change of the minimum number of general membership meetings from SIX to FIVE.

A discussion followed regarding the whereabouts of other official SKSR documents, such as, the Scholarship Foundation By-Laws and any non-profit status documents. Rita will check and Barbara Berg will check the scrapbook. If you have access to any documents please contact Erma Snook, secretary, who will archive them.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Erma Snook, Secretary