

SKSR Board meeting

October 9, 2023

Attendees: Vice President Cathy Webb, Secretary Jan Phillips, Cheryl Bauer, Linda Fitzgerald, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook

Vice President Cathy Webb called the meeting to order. She then asked us to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance with her.

Minutes — Jim Siscel asked for a motion to adopt the September Board minutes sent out via email. It was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report—The report was handed out. As of 9/30/23 our bank account had \$42,441.12 and the SKSR Scholarship Savings account had \$19,638.33. The SKSR Investment account had \$75,835.96 and the Winnie Smith account had \$86,481.96. We have received \$8,423 in dues so far this year.

Legislative — Jim reported that Peter had sent out information. It discussed a plan to schedule a Plan 1 COLA request for the legislature and a possible recommendation for that COLA to become a permanent part of the budget.

Membership — Jim reported that we have 1380 members, down one from last month but there are 3 pending. There has been one death and one member asked to be removed from membership.

Grant report — Karen reported that with the 2023-2024 budget there can be 47 requests. Unfortunately, she has only received 5 so far. Erma sent out a grant poster that went to the emails of active members. That caused an inquiry but no follow up.

Health — No report

Scholarship — No report but Linda will put an article in the January Bulletin.

Sunshine — Barb reported that she sent: a sympathy card to the family of Robert Burton and a sympathy card to the family of Karen Gulthrie-Mehlert.

Records — Erma reported that she sent out an email about the grants. She received a big batch of bounced emails. She has converted these to USPS mail addresses. We have a new printer because of a better price.

Website — Jim reports that it is up to date. He will write an article for the Bulletin to encourage readership.

Bulletin — Jim pointed out the articles that need to be turned in for the upcoming Bulletin.

Update Calendar — Cathy sent around the updated calendar. She talked with Barb Bumgardner who has agreed to be the point person for the November Luncheon. Jim will assist. The Scholarship Luncheon will be at the church but there is still no program. The Meet and Greet scheduled for this month was discussed. Cathy shared her idea to have members share information with each other about themselves. Jim sent around a list of names that he would like us to call to encourage attendance.

Wellness Fair — Jim reported that SKSR had a table at the Edmonds School District Wellness Fair. It was held at the ESC on Wednesday October 4. There were many groups represented. We gained 2 new members.

NW District 1 — We had the most attendees. Peter gave an update on the legislative concerns and what the staff has accomplished. Next year's convention was discussed. Our group will be ticket takers. There will be more specific information by May 15.

Finance — Cheryl reported that the finance committee met. They looked at our commitment to the scholarships. That caused a concern about our going forward with the same commitment of funding for the sophomore through senior years. Because of this the following motion was made. It was moved that starting in 2024, we will continue to offer 4 scholarships with the first year being paid from SKSR funds at \$2,500, and then use Winnie Smith funds to pay the second year at \$2,500. It was seconded and passed. There will be no scholarships offered for the third and fourth year. Jim moved that we move \$14,000 from the SKSR Scholarship Savings account to the investment account with Edward Jones in hopes that it will earn us more. The motion was seconded and passed.

Humanities — Jim reported that the speaker has been confirmed. We have asked the Humanities for Washington group for the \$400 speaker fee. We will pay the speaker's travel expenses.

Field Trip — Karen sent an email explaining in depth the cost of going on a tour of Climate Pledge Arena. After discussion, it was decided that that was too expensive. We will continue this discussion of where to go on the field trip in November.

Bulletin Articles are due October 13 or earlier. They are Board message — Cathy, Legislative 2024 goals - Jim, Health - Robin, Member changes/deaths - Erma, November Luncheon - Barb, Schedule for Year - Cathy, Scholarship (?) Linda/Keith, Website - Jim. Another Poet - Jim, and NW 1 Report - Karen.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary