

SnoKing School Retirees
Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Rachel Lake.

Those in attendance were: Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Gordon Bowers, Bruce Caldwell, Rachel Lake, Donna Murrish, Betty Odle, Virg Rayton, Warren Rowe, and Erma Snook.

Reported in to the minutes was a By Law vote that was held at the September 21, 2006 General Membership meeting. The vote approved the change to the By-Laws to decrease the minimum number of General Membership meetings per year by one (from 6 to 5).

Erma will make updated copies of the By-Laws.

The previous Board Meeting minutes were distributed. Donna moved and it was seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Donna Murrish gave the Treasurer's Report. So far, we have sold 37 Entertainment Books realizing \$227.00 (?). There are 15-20 books left. She reported changes to the Budget. The Office Supplies and Equipment budget changed from \$350 to \$950 upon Ellie Bonanno's motion. It was seconded and passed. The Program Budget had been raised to \$900 previously. David Johnson purchased Page Maker software for our Newsletter production.

REPORTS

Calendars and Board Rosters for 2006-07 were distributed. Report corrections to Erma.

Announcements: The Joint Committee on Pension Policy (JCPP) will be meeting on Oct. 7, Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. Rachel suggested that we may want to sit in on one or more of those meetings to be aware of what is going to be recommended to the Legislative session that runs Jan. 8, 2007-April 22, 2007.

The Senior Citizen Foundation is holding a Fall Policy Conference October 27 in Seattle. Fee \$35.00. Contact Rachel for details.

PEEB Benefits Fair is on Nov. 8th at Shoreline Conference Center 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

October 17	Deadline for Bulleting to Dave (email if possible)
October 23	NWI Meeting in Mount Vernon
November 9	Executive Board Meeting
November 16	Fall Scholarship Luncheon
January 11	Executive Board Meeting
January 8	NWI Meeting in Mount Vernon

Membership Expansion Virg Rayton reported that last month we had 1159 members as reported to us by the state. Last year our membership was 1153! We finally show the positive gain that Virg has been working so hard for! We also have 13 new/pending members! Great numbers!

Virg wants to continue school visitations and requests help with that. Volunteers needed.

Virg will contact the 35 new retirees to attend the November Scholarship Luncheon as our guests. Ellie Bonanno volunteered to call them with an invitation. There will also be an invitation to them in the November newsletter.

Health - Gordon Bowers reported on the I-920 Estate Tax Initiative. A "no" vote retains the tax; a "yes" vote eliminates the tax. Education dollars come from this tax.

He presented a new identity theft scam with stolen Medical Cards. We were advised, too, to guard our Social Security Numbers. It was pointed out that our Membership Forms ask for Social Security Numbers, and even though we advise applicants to just give the last four digits, we felt the form should be revised to make that clearer to applicants.

Gordon advised us to get our flu shots.

Pedometers Erma reported that the pedometers were received and that we had sold 9 @ \$5.00 each out of the 15 ordered. The performance of the pedometers has been lackluster and some problems were experienced. Walking miles continue to be logged until Nov. 1. Report miles on your own @ www.whf.org or report miles to Erma Snook on Oct. 15 and Oct. 31. to count for our Unit.

OLD BUSINESS

Directory Donna Murrish and Bruce Caldwell will finalize the directory for publication. All is ready to go once data is collated between them. One last check is needed to see if all the advertising is in.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Scholarship Luncheon November 16th @ noon at the Edmonds Unitarian Church. Betty Odle reported that we need more sign ups—she circulated a sign-up for Cheryl Bickford. Also she requested calls for reservations. Rachel reported for Evelyn Nordeen that the entertainment for the luncheon will be the Fauntleroy Jazz Ensemble, music from 40s and 50s. Barbara Berg is donating several nicely framed pictures for the Raffle. You are invited to bring Raffle donations if you have them.

Governor Blitz Rachel provided the Board with 5 postcards each. She asked us to send the cards to 5 friends asking them to contact the Governor to support Gainsharing. We need to do this soon! She hoped this would be as effective as a bulk mailing.

WSSRA Lobbyist Don Carlson is the newly hired lobbyist for the WSSRA. He is well-qualified with degrees from WWU, teaching and coaching for 31 years, former State Representative and Senator, held leadership positions in the Legislature and was a winner of the WSSRA's Legislative Award in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

NW 1 Meeting The next meeting is October 23rd. Alice, Rachel, Ellie and Rita Requa (?) will attend. Anybody else?

The State Legislative Committee will meet Jan 31-Feb 1 and again March 21-22. Ellie Bonanno is our Representative.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rachel asked if we needed the November meeting. A discussion followed. It was generally felt that for continuity we needed to meet. Ellie Bonanno moved and it was seconded that we hold the Nov. 9th board meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Regarding notification of Board Meeting, Rachel will issue an email reminder to all the Board. Ellie Bonanno will ask Joan Hertrich, phone chair, to call those who do not have an email address. Rachel would appreciate a call if you cannot attend.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Erma Snook, Secretary