

Sno-King School Retirees
Executive Board Meeting
October 11, 2007
Edmonds School District Ad Center

Those Present: Erma Snook, Bob and Evie Nordeen, Rachel Lake, Rita Requa, Virg Rayton, Betty Odle, Barbara Berg, Ellie Bonanno, and Cheryl Bauer.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Erma Snook, who led us in the flag salute.

II. Cheryl Bauer read the minutes of the previous meeting which were taken by Rita Requa. The minutes were approved as submitted with the correction of the spelling of the name Bobbie Bassett.

III. Donna was not here. Erma reported that there had not been a significant change. We do have more Entertainment Books available to sell.

IV. Committee Reports

Community Service

Jim Siscel has a nephew in the 87th Airborne Medic Combat unit. It was suggested we collect and send a care package to this group. This could be done in February which allows Jim time to include a list of things we could collect in an earlier newsletter. Ellie will call and offer to help Jim with the collections of these items. Rita suggested that we pass the hat at the Scholarship luncheon, and let Jim shop at the commissary. We'll talk about setting goals for this project at the next executive meeting.

Education Grants

Rita reported that she has four grants applications at this time. There will be another notice in the November newsletter. Applications are due by November 15.

N. W. Coordinating Council

Rita reported that there was a new chair (Joan Pennewell.) There were 7-8 people from most groups. Ed Gonion gave a report on the medical subsidy allotted from the state. It will increase from \$149.67 in '07 to \$164.08 in '08 to \$182.29 in '09.

The Journal will have five editions this year. Two motions encouraging the use of emails and amending the By-Laws were tabled. They did vote to endorse Rita in her candidacy for the position of WSSRA President Elect.

Health

Gordon Bowers was unable to attend this meeting, hence no report.

Legislative

Ellie passed out the list of names of people who had submitted their five phone tree contact people. Names were added to the list as people agreed to call either people they knew or people from their district. Joan Hertrich will call those on the board who do not

use email. The people who we each have on our list will need to call, write, or email their legislators in case of activation. A separate post card on stock paper will be sent out after Christmas with the list of legislators to be used as needed.

Rachel then told us about having her house broken into and the ensuing headaches that brought. She did, however, still manage to put together and pass out a multi page report on Legislative Goals, Priority Issues, SSCP, WEA Lawsuit, and other activities. WOW!! This report is attached to the copy of the minutes I keep in the book. We went over this together with Rachel giving her insights and suggestions. Rachel will summarize even further and put an article in the newsletter. Rita objected to using the WEA Retired Sept./Oct., 2007 information concerning their lawsuit. She felt this could be a conflict of interest since we supported EHB 2391.

Need to continue to support PAC as we gave money to 23 candidates last year. Bob, Evie, and Rachel will have their picture in a state wide promotion for PAC.

Membership Expansion

Bob contacted the superintendents and got the okay to get a list of new principals. They will begin to hit the schools hard in January. They sent out 16 letters. It would be nice if there were a way to see how effective the letters are. We do get \$10 from the state for each new member we recruit, and Donna does have a list of new members, but there is no way to know how these people became members.

Publication of October 27 Newsletter

Suggestions for the newsletter included: Legislative issues, phone tree information, a reminder about grant applications, scholarship luncheon, Rita's candidacy, and a collage of the past presidents taken at the birthday celebration. The bulletin folding will be November 15 at 10:30 at the Edmonds School District Office.

Sunshine

Evie reported that she'd sent cards to Linda and Don Fitzgerald and Ed Forays.

This last part of the minutes was completed by Erma Snook (Thanks!!)

Old Business

Birthday Celebration

Positive comments were made about the Birthday Celebration on Sept. 20. Only one superintendent responded to our invitation to address us. It was recommended that we invite all three superintendents to a lunch with our Board later this year. It was felt, also, that a Thank You Lunch for our legislators in March or April would be in order as well.

WSSRA Journal

The next deadline for the WSSRA Journal is December 5-7th for a December 10th deadline to the editor. Our Unit's news will go to Dick Anderson from N.W. 1 as our communication contact. The format for our unit reports may be revised.

New Business

Programs Suggestions for February and April Scholarship Luncheon

Erma attended an informational luncheon for CASA/VGAL (Court Appointed Specialty Advocate). She was also contacted by Linda Ottmar, a VGAL member and a Sno-King member wanting to have the Snohomish County branch of CASA give a program presentation about their work and training to become a court appointed child advocate. The presenter would be Christine Morse.

Other program options discussed were: Betty's niece who made an Artic Circle trek, musical program for Scholarship Luncheon, and/or CASA. Because of some setting concerns at the Unitarian Church and the bright light factor, we need to be sure a slide/Power Point presentation is visible to the audience. We may consider the Edmonds Masonic Hall. Erma will check out the setting and/or availability. The discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

Rita's Campaign for President Elect

Rita plans to convene a campaign committee in December to begin plans for her campaign. Her candidacy announcement at Coordinating Council was very well-received. She has had several very positive comments from past presidents and friends, too.

Our next Executive Board Meeting will be November 8 at 1:00 in Room 102 of the Edmonds School District Ad Center.

Submitted by,
Cheryl Bauer and Erma Snook