

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2008

Attending: Ellie Bonanno, Gordon Bowers, Rachel Lake, Rita Requa, Alice Bingaman, Virg Rayton, Evie Nordeen, Bob Nordeen, Barbara Berg, Erma Snook, and Cheryl Bauer

The meeting was called to order by President Erma Snook.

Rachel Lake moved we approve the minutes as corrected. One clarification was that Ellie Bonanno was resigning from the telephone calling done to get bulletin helpers. She will help Alice Bingaman as needed. There was a name change under the Sunshine Committee to Dora Bakken and Eric and Sally Barnum. Motion to approve the minutes passed.

Donna Murrish was not here so Erma went over the budget with us. There were no questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health:

Gordon had some information from the Harvard Medical Journal on shingles. He urges us to get the shot. PEBB's enrollment period will be from Oct. 27 – Nov. 30. During that time, you can make changes to your health coverage.

We side tracked slightly talking about The Journal. There was much praise for Jo Caldwell, and the great job she does. We were reminded to read the article written by Ed Gonion about the state school pension fund (Int. 414). Rita suggested from p. 11 getting the "Staying Sharp" video and showing it sometime. Then Evie suggested having Tony Ventrella speak about motivation and inspiration.

Legislative:

Rita passed out a paper, and Rachel talked, about the five Legislative Goals for the 2008-2009 year. Focus should be on the loss of purchasing power for all TRS/PERS 1 retirees. On October 14 the Whatcom Council will be holding a general meeting and forum at The Bellingham Technical College with more information. Rachel Lake and Barbara Berg will try to go.

Ellie talked about the article in The Journal by Ed Gonion and concern over which candidates get money from PAC. Ellie passed out a very informative half page about the things we can do influence our legislators. She will try to have a new phone tree ready by November. We should try to make an initial contact before January. It's appropriate to write our own letters. But as Don Carlson said, "Don't balance the budget on the backs of the seniors."

Membership:

Bob Nordeen sent out 22 letters to principal of the elementary schools. This will be their focus this year. He reminded us to carry with us membership forms and have them ready to give to people who are not members.

Outreach:

Bob Jones had done a survey of the "Ideal Unit." They were ones that: Recruited new members, kept members informed on issues, had diverse programs, involved new members, and worked to improve the life of members. Doesn't that sound like us?? (My Comment!)

Telephone:

Alice Bingaman reported about the difficult time she had getting people to help with the bulletin. She hopes next time will be easier.

Sunshine:

Evie Nordeen had nothing to report this time.

OLD BUSINESS**Grant Applications:**

The deadline for grant applications is November 20. So far, Rita has received two applications. There will be one more bulletin with information in it before the deadline.

Program Plans:

February: ??

April: will be the Sound Singers.

May: ?? We join with Sno-Isle on this one. They suggested an auction. It's a lot of work.

Suggestions include still trying to get Betty's niece to talk about her Antarctic trip. It was also mentioned we try to get Dave Horsey.

The idea of having a 50% shared raffle with the individual and with the organization was made.

Spaghetti Factory:

There were 23 in attendance, and it seemed to be fun for most. We would like to have further evaluating before doing this again. More advanced publicity would also help.

Health Bowl:

Warren Rowe got eight people at the luncheon. It will end November 1. See page 8 in The Journal for more information.

By-Law Revision:

Pass for now.

Directory Production:

There was only one person willing to advertise so we'll pretty much have to fund it ourselves. No date for publication yet. We will do the card with Legislative information separately in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

NW 1 Coordinating Council Report:

Dick Anderson from Whatcom County is the Coordinating Council's new NW-1 Representative to the WSSRA Executive Board. At the Coordinating Council meeting, WSSRA Lobbyist, Don Carlson, was our guest speaker. He was very informative. There were 12 people from our unit in attendance.

Scholarship Luncheon:

Sign up sheet was passed around for food choices to bring. If you have items for the raffle for the luncheon, please bring them to the next executive board meeting. Remember food bank items as well. Need is going to be especially great this year.

WSSRA Journal:

Look over the AMBA offerings on page 9. If you feel you've been abused by contacting this group, please let Erma or Ed Gonion know. They are not supposed to make calls to you.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Oct. 25	News to Dave
Nov. 3	Bulletin Folding
Nov. 13	Board Meeting
Nov. 20	Scholarship Luncheon

Submitted by,
Cheryl Bauer