

October 10, 2014 SKSR Executive Board minutes DRAFT as of October 12, 2014

Attendees: President Cheryl Bauer, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Donna Murrish, Barbara Berg, Linda Fitzgerald, Evelyn Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Bauer at 1 pm.

Then the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary, Jan Phillips, summarized the minutes while members read them. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer, Donna Murrish, handed out the monthly budget report, the budget report for the savings account and the bank statement as of October 8. It was accepted as presented. Entertainment books are now available for sale. The cost is \$35 this year.

President's Report – Edie Moersch sent us a letter complimenting The Bulletin.

Finance Committee – Cheryl said that 5 years ago we had \$ 155,000 in the account. The current value is \$171,347 and that is after \$ 12,000 has been taken out for scholarships just this year. We have paid out a total of \$53,000 in Winnie Smith renewable scholarships.

Legislative report – Rita Requa has received positive comments about her article in The Bulletin on the possible reduction in the subsidy for health care. She reported that there will be a Panel discussion November 18 at Sno-Isle with legislative reps participating. It is open to all but pre-registration is required.

Membership – Jim Siscel reported that we are at 1267 with 35 pending. That would bring us to over 1300 members.

Grants – Virg reported that the applications are being received. He has received 6 applications so far. The applications are due November 6. A committee will meet November 14 from 9 – 11am at Alderwood Mall to screen the applications.

Scholarships – Linda Fitzgerald – no report

Sunshine – Evie Nordeen –She sent the following: September 19 a sympathy card to Phil Elvrum in memory of his wife, Georgia; September 26 a sympathy card to the family of Edward J. Husarik; September 29 a get well card to Paul Hipke; October 2 a sympathy

card to the family of Bruce Shadduck; October 2 a sympathy card do the family of Helen Hull which the post office returned which she has since re-mailed; and on October 6 a get well card to Eric Barnum.

Outreach – Barb Berg – The state committee met September 25 and 26. There will be a new topic in The Journal called “Local Gems”. She is looking for gems to turn in.

Records – Erma Snook – They are getting ready to publish an up-dated directory.

Web Page – Jim Siscel has added a page on how to join SKSR.

Unfinished

October meeting – Rita will introduce the speaker. We currently only have 22 attendees. Cheryl passed around the master list of people who have attended in the past. People were to note the names of past attendees that they could contact as another reminder. Cheryl needs to notify Le Bistro on Monday as to our final count. Please make sure that the individuals know that they need to pay whether or not they attend.

November Luncheon -- Will be held on the 20th and will be a hot dish, salad and cookie potluck (we bring). Lobbyist Peter Diedrick will attend and we discussed what other types of “entertainment” might be appropriate. It was decided that we approach Bruce Caldwell for some background music. Also that this might be the time to explain to the members exactly what we do.

Honorary Membership – Phyllis Fiege, Betty Odle and Phyllis Enger are being recommended to our state office for honorary, gratis WSSRA membership having attained the age of 90. These nominations need to be sent in in time for the November meeting of the WSSRA.

Directory – Jim and Erma talked about what they have done so far. Kinko and Costco couldn't/wouldn't print a directory like the last time as the membership list is too big. Jim handed out a sample of a sheet that they are proposing to use, which will cut the number of pages down considerably which will cut the cost. There will be training for the callers who will be verifying information at the upcoming luncheon on the 16th. There will be a protocol. We also discussed whether to send hard copy or an electronic file to members with email addresses. This would also cut down our costs spreading the

savings over 3 years of between \$300 – \$400 a year. This directory will be updated every year, but new hard copies will only be sent every three years.

Entertainment Books – They are on sale for \$ 35 a book.

Field Trips – a questionnaire will be passed out at the October luncheon with 3 choices. Cheryl passed around a sample of the questionnaire.

New Business

Policy regarding distribution of our members' contact information. It was decided that it would be better to have a policy for this. Roberta will write a draft having it for review at the November 13 meeting. It was also discussed as to whether we should have our policies in their own section in our handbook. It was decided to do that as well.

NW Report – Roberta – no major issues. Five attended. They introduced a resolution in favor of a dues increase at both the local and state levels. It was supported by the majority of the council. It is encouraged that we have representatives at the January 12 opening session of the legislature with appointments with the respective members.

Northshore School District visit – Evie, Cheryl and Jim talked with Northshore Superintendent Larry Francois. It was very positive and positive interactions have come as a result of the visit.

Other – Jim suggested that for higher visibility at the various Benefit Fairs and other happenings we purchase a Banner with our name. Discussion followed. Rita moved to authorize the purchase of 2 SKSR banners. It was seconded and passed.

Newsletter – Articles need to be to Dave Johnson by October 17.

Northshore Benefits Fair will be held November 5, from 2-4 and from 4-6. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.

A variety of signups will be available at the October Luncheon. They include the November Luncheon – hot dishes, salads and desserts, and December's Cookie-Fest. The field trip survey will also be available.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Phillips, Secretary