

Sno-King School Retirees  
Executive Board Meeting  
September 13, 2007  
Edmonds School District Central Office

Present: Erma Snook, Rita Requa, Rachel Lake, Marlene Johnson, Gordon Bowers, Bob Nordeen, Evelyn Nordeen, Jim Siscel, Betty Odle, Donna Murrish, Cheryl M. Bickford, Warren Rowe

President Erma called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting material was distributed.

Minutes of August 6, 2007 approved as printed.

### REPORTS

Treasurer Donna Murrish distributed the budget for this year, totaling \$19,949.09. Finances are in good order. Donna is still pursuing the 501-C3 with the IRS, as our employee # is not to be found. Jim Siscel will assist in filing. The Entertainment Books are a big hit. 67 have already been sold, and 40 more have been ordered. After we sell 90 books, SKSR gets \$10 per book.

Grants Chair Rita Requa reviewed criteria for grants which are due Nov 15; so far only 2 applications have been submitted. Another article will appear in the Nov. newsletter.

Health: Gordon Bower's report included topics of robot surgery, navigating hospitals from the July 23 issue of Newsweek. He shared a letter regarding "lost purchasing power". Rachel suggested that he send to the SPCP (Select Committee on Pension Policy) and the WSSRA Journal, local legislators and the WSSRA Legislative Chair.

Legislative: Rachel Lake reviewed SKSR political policies: we do not endorse, but encourage members to participate in the election process and remind members of upcoming elections. In the October newsletter retirement plans and goals will be highlighted. Erma reminded the Executive Board that they were each to select 5 SKSR members for their individual "Legislative Contacts". The names were to be forwarded to Erma and this will become our Legislative Hotline Telephone Tree.

Membership: Bob Nordeen gave a report on the Membership Committee meeting he attended in Lacey. He is partnered with 2 "mentors" from the WSSRA Membership Committee who will assist in presentations to school faculties. This year Sno-King will focus on Edmonds schools.

The Sunshine Committee sent cards to Betty Odle and Bobbie Vasselt.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jim and Erma reported on their success with the Benefits Fairs in Shoreline and Edmonds. New members were signed up.

Birthday Party Celebration plans were discussed. Door prizes, special invitations to past Presidents and refreshments were discussed. Assignments were made for calling and reminding past presidents.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### WSSRA HEALTH COMMITTEE

Donna Murrish attended a state Health Committee Meeting in Moses Lake on August 28, 2007. She distributed information which included information about Regence Blue Shield and Community Health Plan consolidation into Aetna Public Employees Plan. The Benefits Fair begin in late October and early November.

The PEBB approved state-funded contribution (aka Medicare subsidy) is \$164.08 per month for 2008. Donna distributed information about the Governor's Health Bowl plan, regarding walking. A few pedometers will be available at the Birthday Party.

#### SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER

Program, Veteran's Day Presentation by Jim Sisco.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

It was moved and seconded to "Adopt a Platoon" as a service project for SKSR. Information about what is needed will appear in the next newsletter

#### WSSRA JOURNAL SURVEY

Paula Lowe contacted Erma regarding some proposed changes in the Journal. Rather than "news from locals" she suggested a change of format, "a question of the month" i.e. program ideas, how scholarship money is collected, etc. The purpose is to share ideas with the total membership. After discussion it was suggested that both are needed.

#### WSSRA ELECTION

Rita Requa indicated that she will run for President-elect for WSSRA at the 2008 convention in June. Motion to support Rita's candidacy was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned,

Notes by Rita Requa