

**SKSR BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday, September 14, 2017

Attendees: Co-president Cheryl Bauer, Acting Secretary Donna Murrish, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Barbara Berg, Bruce Caldwell, Jo Caldwell, Linda Fitzgerald, Diana McQuay, Evie Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Erma Snook.

Cheryl called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm and led the group in the flag salute.

The minutes of the SKSR Board Retreat were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that the bank balances as of August 31 were \$6,856.89 in the Scholarship account and \$27,643.30 in the general account. The Edward Jones Winnie Smith account has \$163,000.89 and the SKSR CD \$42,432.83. \$16,000 was transferred from the Winnie Smith fund to the SKSR checking account for scholarships. \$12,000 was paid out in August with two pending and those were paid on September 5. All Grants have cleared. \$8,000 was transferred from the Washington Federal Scholarship account to pay for the 2017 SKSR scholarships. \$10,000 was transferred from checking to Edward Jones SKSR Scholarship account. There were three memorial transfers from August thru September 5.

No requests were made for the membership incentives that appeared in the September/October issue of the Bulletin.

The scholarship accounts were updated to reflect the increase in scholarship amounts from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Finance Committee: Cheryl reported that no meeting was held during the summer but she will call one toward the end of September. We are currently 60% risk and 40% conservative in our accounts with Edward Jones. The Committee will think about this and come back with a recommendation. We are getting excellent advice from Paula Fedirchuk at Edward Jones.

Membership: There are currently 1,359 members with 5 pending. There have been three deaths and one request for removal from the group. Jim recently went into an elementary school armed with membership applications and came out with 11 new members.

Legislative: Cheryl will contact Sno-Isle and Whatcom units to ask if we can use legislative information reported in their bulletins.

Grants: Diana and Virg sent out the grant application information. So far 5 applications have been received. The deadline for submitting a grant request is November 2.

Health – Donna will write an article on Alzheimer's.

Scholarship: All of the scholarship monies have been sent to the Colleges. There is still one more recipient who is changing schools and has requested that the money be sent in January.

Sunshine: Evie sent a caring card to Marilyn Hall who had knee replacement surgery. She sent sympathy cards to the family of William Jennings (NW-1), the family of Joyce Wiess, the family of William Thomas, the family of Bud Creighton, and a caring card, visits, and gift of books to Rita Requa. Rita was in a serious car crash recently and injured her sternum and has several broken ribs. She had been in the hospital and was released to her daughter's home. She is now back in the hospital because of a lung infection. She is at the Swedish Cherry Hill site. Rita's daughter's address is 921 Hindley Lane, Edmonds, WA 98020

Records / Directory: Erma reported 9 new members. Actives make up 25% of our membership. The Bulletin is sent via email to 963 members and mailed to 401. WSSRA is still requesting email addresses.

A revised copy of the Policies and Procedures, Article VII, Incentive Drawing for Members, was distributed. Updates were made to sections c, h, and i.

Erma showed us a form she uses to keep track of members. She sent an email asking for any changes for the directory. Members were asked to opt in if they want a directory. An insert will be sent with the next Bulletin. She had 22 responses on changes of address, etc. This is important, not so much for us, but for WSSRA.

Bruce is stepping down from working on the directory.

Web Site: There is an updated calendar and some travel news on the web page.

Bulletin: Jo asked that the February deadline for turning in news items be changed to a week earlier – due on the 13<sup>th</sup> instead of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, in April – change the deadline date from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Benefits Fair: Is taking place now. Several members have volunteered to spend some time there.

October 26 Luncheon: Erma will be sending an email in October regarding this luncheon.

We will meet at the Black Box at Edmonds CC. A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up for the luncheon. Chef Becky is no longer working at The Bistro at the Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center. The Corporate office made some changes.

November 16 Brunch: This will be held at the Unitarian Church in Edmonds. The guest speaker is from the Court House Dogs and will tell us about their use of dogs.

NW-1 Meeting: October 2 in Mt. Vernon. Jim is driving.

December 7 Board Meeting: The Board will meet at 11:30 at the Pancake Haus in Edmonds.

Field Trip: Tom reported that a visit to NOAA at Sand Point has been scheduled for March 15, 2018. The tour will begin at 1:30 pm and will last from an hour to an hour & a half. There will be a limit of 20 people. For security purposes, the NOAA office needs a list of who is coming.

Calendar pages: New calendar pages were distributed to complete our handbooks. Some changes on those pages are as follows: In October, bulletin folding should be Oct. 30; in March, the Board meeting is the 8<sup>th</sup>; in April, the Scholarship Luncheon is the 19<sup>th</sup>; and in May, July, August the year should be 2018.

Volunteer Issue: Whenever there is an opportunity for a volunteer project, it will be listed on our Web Site rather than in the Bulletin. An item may be put into the Bulletin stating “*Check the Website for Volunteer opportunities.*” (or some such wording)

Food Life Line Project: The question was asked as to whether we want to continue going to the Food Life Line for our community project. Tom recommended that if we do it, we should do the morning shift because of traffic. There should be a minimum of at least 10 people. Cheryl suggested we try it one more time to see if more volunteers would come. (*there were only 7 last time.*) She will consult with co-president, Jim. Linda suggested doing something closer to our own area. We’ve talked about this before but didn’t reach a decision.

Executive Director: We discussed inviting the new Executive Director, Dr. Alan Burke, to one of our general meetings – perhaps at the February

meeting, but then it was decided that we could invite him to come to our December Board meeting.

Informative Articles: We discussed putting some informative articles into the Bulletin such as explanations about Plan II and Plan III that many actives are wondering about. Also, for the benefit of all, some information about health insurance.

**Newsletter articles are due to Jo Caldwell by October 20.**

For the Good of the Order: Diana told us a bit about her trip to Africa. They attended lectures nearly every day. In Zimbabwe they saw classroom buildings, and where the teachers and principal live. The principal lives in a small ranch-type house while the teachers live in huts with thatched roofs. Barbara Berg has recently returned from a trip to the Panama Canal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Murrish, Acting Secretary