

Attendees: Vice President Cathy Webb, Treasurer, Jennifer Altena, Cheryl Bauer, Lida Fitzgerald, Karen McElliott, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel

Jim called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of August Retreat Minutes—Rita moved that we accept the minutes. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report—Jennifer explained the monthly report's new format; the back page is now dedicated to scholarship funds. As of August 31, the current balances are as follows: \$43,237.54 (SKSR checking), \$19,568.79 (WA Fed), and \$77,311.23 (Ed Jones, a loss of \$2,633.07), and \$88,058.64. (Winnie Smith, a loss of \$3,648.77). It was decided that the cost of the creamers, approved in August, should be charged to the equipment budget line.

Legislative Report—Jim said that this year's legislative initiatives have been determined but currently aren't posted on the WSSRA website.

Membership Report—Jim reported that currently SKSR has 1,380 members; that is one down from last month. There has been one death, one request off, and three pending members.

Educator Grants Report—Karen reported that Jim has posted the current application form and information. She has received two requests of members wanting to know if they are eligible to receive a grant (they aren't) and two grant applications. At the end of the month, she will ask Erma to send out an email to all actives.

Scholarships Report--Linda reported that all the money has been sent out and cashed by the institutions.

Records Report—Erma reported that for the last issue of the *Bulletin*, she mailed 317 hard copies and emailed 1076. She will be sending out an email to active members about WSSRA's retirement webinars; instead of one long webinar; the information will be divided between two evenings like last year.

Website Report—Jim reported that he is keeping the website up to date. Dr. Miner's April presentation about her experiences on the Santiago de Compostela has been added.

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar/Schedule Report—Cathy reported on the committee's work. The Board went through the events by month.

--Monday, October 23, 11:30-2:00 at the Waterfront Center. The meeting will be held in the Community Room B which has a view of the water. The room has been reserved and has a \$75 cleaning fee. Audrey of the Center provide a short presentation/tour. Cathy will invite the Northshore School District Superintendent to give district updates as well; Cathy has a connection with the head of the NS Foundation who may be able to assist in this. Linda will assist Cathy.

--Thursday, November 16, 11:30-2:00 at the Shoreline Center (COST \$300). There are several program possibilities which are been pursued (canoe trip across the US, Salish Tribes intertribal canoe journey, or European river cruise), and we will invite the Shoreline Superintendent to give district updates. Barb Bumgardner has made the room arrangements, but a point person is needed for the program, etc.

--Thursday, December 14, 12-1:30 at the Pancake Haus. Cathy will be the point person.

--Thursday, February 15, 12-3:30 at ESC Board Rooms. Roberta will continue to coordinate this event. Jim will confirm the room reservation. Roberta is still waiting for the announcement of this year's topics.

--March TBD at Climate Pledge Arena. It is believed that this venue may attract wider range of participants. Linda contacted a former student who is in charge of ticket sales; he gave her the name of the person to contact. Tours do not take place on the day events are held which means a Thursday may not be available. Karen agreed to be point person; she will contact CPA before the October Board meeting.

--Thursday, April 18, 11:30-2:00 at TBD. The Shoreline Center is not available. There is a reluctance to use the Lutheran Church. Scholarship recipients and families will be invited. Confirmed speaker will be Mike Pellicciotti. Cheryl has tentatively said she would be the point person.

--Thursday, May 16, 12-3:30 at Edmonds ESC. Proposed speaker: Cascadia Search and Rescue. Point person needed.

--Thursday, July 18, 11:30-3:00 at Edmonds City Park. Jan will be the point person.

--Community Service Project TBD. Virg will serve as point person. Last year we did this in April, but that may change depending on when we are needed.

--June 3-5, Convention at Wenatchee. Jim and Jennifer serve as point people.

Catering Report—Jim went over the list of possible caterers. Not all of them have responded to his inquiries. Currently, there is still no obvious

choice, but the feeling, based on feedback from picnic attendees, is that a cooked meal is preferable to a boxed lunch.

Membership Mailing—Jim said that he sent packets to 57 schools in the three districts; these are schools in which we have not made presentations. The packets would include 2-3 *Bulletins* (a total of 130 copies), 6-10 membership forms, 1 grant flyer, and a page about the number of scholarships each high school has received. Cathy wrote a cover letter and a 1-minute promo that principals could give at a staff meeting. The mailing cost was \$484. Jim has also ordered 130 flashlights for distribution to new members, etc. The price has increased since our last order. The order totals \$327 which will be taken out of membership.

Wellness/Financial Fair Edmonds—Jim reported that Edmonds School District has replaced its fall Benefits Fair with a Wellness/Financial Fair which will be held October 4 at the ESD. SKSR will host a table. We have also been asked to donate items for a raffle; Jim says that we have flashlights and Starbucks gift cards that we can donate. He is asking for board members who would be willing to sign up for two-hour slots from 10:45-7:00. Shoreline School District will not be holding a fair.

Budget Change, Bulletin Printing Costs—Jim reported the per page print costs for Office Depot (\$1.59) and FedEx (\$1.77). The postal clerk that Erma works with suggested several other local independent printers. After investigation, Erma and Jim decided we should use Minuteman Press at a total cost of \$208 per issue. Minuteman quoted a price of under \$300 for a 10-page issue; FedEx would charge \$805. After the Nov/Dec issue is published, the Board will decide if we will continue to use Minuteman. If we continue with Minuteman, there will be no need to increase the printing budget. No need for a budget change.

Mileage Reimbursement Proposal—Jim proposed that we change the method of WSSRA mileage reimbursement to reflect the number of passengers being transported. He made a motion that mileage funds received from the state for reimbursement be distributed by the following formula: each driver to receive \$5 per additional passenger, the remainder of the money to be divided amongst the drivers. Linda seconded. Approved by all.

Finance Committee—Cheryl reported that the committee met in August via zoom. At that time, concern was expressed about how long SKSR's funds will last since we are now cutting into the principle in the Winnie Smith account. They decided to meet in person before mid-October to discuss this situation more fully.

NW-1—The October 2 will be a hybrid meeting. Those attending in person: Cathy, Tom, Karen, and Jim.; those attending via zoom: Roberta, Jan, Rita, Erma.

NOV/DEC BULLETIN—Articles are due no later than October 13:

- A. Board Message - Cathy
- B. Legislative - Tim--perhaps
- C. Health - Robin
- D. Member Changes/Deaths - Erma
- E. November Luncheon
- F. Schedule for Year -- Cathy
- G. Scholarship - Linda/Keith--probably not
- H. Website - Jim

The meeting was adjourned. Cathy will chair the October Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McElliott