

Executive Board Meeting  
Sno-King School Retirees  
April 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Erma Snook, followed by the flag salute.

Those in attendance were: Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Gordon Bowers, Linda Fitzgerald, Bob Jones, Rachel Lake, Donna Murrish, Bob Nordeen, Evie Nordeen, Betty Odle, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected. The Bylaw revision was presented in the minutes and reviewed for accuracy. The proposed revisions will be presented at the Scholarship Luncheon April 16, both original and proposed changes. Only the proposed changes will be presented in the Bulletin. We will vote on the proposed changes at the July Picnic.

Donna Murrish gave the Treasurer's report. She presented a shift of budget category amounts to accommodate the directory printing expense. We still have a precarious balance and may need to shift monies from the general fund to the scholarship fund to meet our obligations this year. This is due to lower Entertainment Book sales, fewer memorial donations and lower interest. We will pay for delegates to go to convention, also. We still have two teacher grants recipients, Summerfield and Collieran, who have not yet cashed their checks (\$400).

Our IRS woes continue for Donna on our behalf. We are now to merge old and new EIN numbers so we only have one. We will use the old (first) EIN number, we believe. Kudos to Donna once a gain!!! The treasurer's report was approved as read.

#### Committee Reports

**Health.** Gordon Bowers presented a look at several publications to show how they all have picked up the same popular topics. Currently MSRA is it. Seattle area notables and investigative reporters, Mike Berens and Ken Armstrong, were honored for their work in illuminating this problem of cleanliness in hospitals. Gordon also shared an article about the "one pill" coming for managing cardio care—blood pressure and cholesterol. More to come about Brown Fat and White Fat as Bob Jones relates new study about value of maintaining Brown Fat.

**Legislative.** Ellie Bonanno reported the huge success in passing ESSB5238 allowing blind mailings to potential members through the Department of Retirement System(DRS). This has been lucrative for membership recruitment when allowed in the past. Elaine Banks wanted input on future WSSRA legislative goals for next year. For now the PUC, that could threaten Plan 2 and 3 with unfunded liability woes, seems to be at bay. Rachel reported that there may be a freeze on our PEBB supplement at \$182.89 instead of increments over the next two years; at least there seems to be no harangue to cut the subsidy, as feared!

**Membership.** Bob Nordeen had been to the Retirement Seminars and reported a much smaller attendance. He said we received a \$190 check from WSSRA Membership for 19 new members. Gordon expressed great appreciation and admiration for Bob's effectiveness and tenacity at membership recruitment. We all agreed!

**Scholarship.** Linda Fitzgerald presented the outcome of the scholarship application process. There were 26 applicants, but only 13 were pursuing a career in Education. Cheryl Bickford and Alice Bingaman assisted Linda and Keith Lundaas in the selection process. There were three applicants from Shoreline, two from Northshore and eight from Edmonds. The four scholarships were awarded as follows: one to Shoreline, one to Northshore, and 2 to Edmonds. The recipients will be presented and honored at the Scholarship Luncheon on April 16<sup>th</sup>. All four of last year's recipients will renew in this first year of the Winnie Smith renewable scholarship. A letter of intent from each of the renewables will be read at the Luncheon, too. It was felt that the lure of renewable scholarships and the economy were



factors in the large number of applicants this year. Kudos to the Scholarship Committee and the leadership of Linda and Keith!!!

**Sunshine.** Evie Nordeen reported that she had sent cards of concern to Jo Caldwell, Marilyn Alaniz and Fred Cochran. She sent sympathy cards to the families of Dale Hanberg, Eve Asbury and June Dillworth Brown.

**NW-1.** Treasurers and State Committees will meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Yakima. Our own Bob Jones will represent NW-1 at the State Outreach Committee. He is carrying a request from NW-1 that there be a "How to Build a Web Site" breakout session. They would need to find a person to conduct the session to make it happen. Bev Smith from Whatcom County will chair NW-1 next year.

#### Old Business

**Scholarship Luncheon.** Sign ups are going slowly. We may need to put out a call around after the Monday deadline. Donna and Jim have raffle donations. Set up is at 10 a.m., but we need to confirm access to the church at that time. There will be no food drive for this luncheon. Proposed Bylaw changes will be on the tables – old in yellow, new in white. We need more help for setup!

**Convention Lunch Centerpieces.** No new information on centerpieces for WSSRA Convention luncheon on Wednesday of the Convention. We are awaiting a logo to be developed by Bruce Caldwell for "Staying Connected" theme and the number of centerpieces needed.

**WSSRA Convention.** We confirmed that 16 delegates will be representing us at Convention. Room arrangements and transportation will be arranged individually; transportation to be reimbursed for train transport and at the 4 per car driving rate. Jim Siscel moved that SKSR pay as much as we can toward room costs at convention for the sixteen delegates and we will pay for all meals (except breakfasts) and registration. Meals and registration costs are \$114 per person (including Wed. lunch). The dollar amount toward room costs will be determined by available funds, last year it was \$100 Motion was seconded and passed. Delegates will meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Barlees to go over the details before Convention. We will donate a "chocolate" basket to WSSRA Scholarship Foundation for raffle. Barbara Berg will organize this. If you can donate a "chocolate" goodie, get it to a board member.

Those attending Breakout Sessions are as follows: Pres/VP: \_\_\_\_\_; Membership, Bob Nordeen; Legislative, Ellie Bonanno and Rachel Lake; Health Services, \_\_\_\_\_; Treasurer, Donna Murrish; Secretary, Cheryl Bauer; Retirement Planning, Betty Odle; Outreach, Bob Jones.

**Retirement Seminar Wrap Up.** Bob Jones reported an extreme drop off in attendance. Usually there are upwards of 120 attending. This year sessions ranged between 49 and 75. The economy was a factor. Money for the Edmonds District to conduct the Seminars is dwindling, too.

**Mariner Baseball.** Kudos to Jim Siscel for conducting this project for fun and surprisingly help us realize a profit! We sold 133 tickets at \$12 each. Even with 25 different orders and mailing of the tickets to them, we will realize over \$100 profit!! Super!!

#### Old Business

**Joint Meeting with Sno-Isle.** We will have two entrees for our luncheon at the SnoIsle Technical Skills Center in Mukilteo: London Broil and Chicken Braised in Dijon Cream Sauce. The meal includes Salad, Entrée, Dessert and Beverage. The cost is \$12.50 (incl. tax and gratuity). A flyer will be sent to Sno Isle for their Newsletter and we will include one in our Bulletin. Chef Becky Pecham needs a head count and entrée choice by Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will put a Friday, May 15 RSVP deadline for our clubs. Tony Ventrella of Sports and TV fame will be our speaker. No shows after an RSVP will still need to pay.

**Nominating Committee.** We need a nominating committee to select candidates for office of president for 2009-2010. Donna Murrish will continue as Treasurer and Cheryl Bauer, we think, will continue as Secretary. No one volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. It was expressed

that we need to have new batch of Members getting Board experience so they are in training for higher offices. Sharon Kane and Dave McElliott come highly recommended.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Erma Snook, Secretary Pro Tem