

April 4 Scholarship Luncheon – only business was a report by Roberta that we are in need of people to join the board. She specifically mentioned the President and Vice-President position. She announced that Jan Phillips and Tom Hawkins will be running for their current positions.

Attendees: President Jim Siscel, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Linda Fitzgerald, Karen McElliott, Evelyn Nordeen, Erma Snook

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jim shared a message from a student.

The minutes for the March 14, 2018 were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's report — Tom read a thank you note for the memorial for Alyce Wiggins. On March 31 the checking account had \$18,966.01. The scholarship savings account had \$21,612.06. He thanked Karen as all 56 grant checks had been cashed. The Winnie Smith account (Edward Jones) had \$155,936.90, an increase of \$2,640.63. The SKSR Scholarship account (Edward Jones) had \$46,672.82 an increase of \$817.77. WSSRA sent our February dues payment of \$2,837. The Luncheon brought in a total of \$435. This amount was a combination of \$205 for the lunches and \$230 for the Scholarship fund. There are 2 pending memorials to the scholarship fund.

Finance — Cheryl was absent, but Jim reported that Cheryl, Jim and Tom met with the Edward Jones representative. They went over the current risk management of the accounts. It was determined to keep it at 40/60 risk management. The \$10,000 CD was cashed and put into the SKSR scholarship account. A motion was made and seconded to approve the decision made by the attendees of the March review meeting with Edward Jones representative to cash the \$10,000 CD and move those monies into the SKSR scholarship investment account. The reason was the liquidity of the monies and better investment opportunities. Motion passed.

Legislative Update — Nothing new

Membership — as of April 1 we have 1,424 members, with 5 retiree pending memberships and 7 active pending memberships. Jim commented that in 1985 we had 282 members.

Educator grants — Karen reported nothing has changed. She did review the grant criteria by the Foundation for the Edmonds School District.

Health — Donna will be writing an article for the upcoming Bulletin.

Scholarship — Linda reported that a problem has arisen. A former recipient was not renewed in 2018. Discussion followed with the Board agreeing with the decision that this money was not available to the recipient.

Sunshine — Evie reported that she sent; a sympathy card to Curt Horne and the extended family (death of Mrs. Horne, he was Past President of WSSRA), a sympathy card to the family of Warren Rowe (son Brett), a thank you card to Nicole Klein in appreciation for being the tour guide at the U of W Boats Field Trip and a get-well card to Jim Siscel.

Nominating Committee — No candidate for President was found. We discussed ideas on how to get new members on the board who then might be willing to be President. Next year there will be monthly rotating chairs instead of a President.

Convention — Aaron Feik will also be attending. Convention registration forms will be found on the WSSRA website. Convention attendees need to fill the form out and mail to Tom.

New Business

Death Notifications/Memorial Donation — The question was raised about acknowledgement of deaths of those who were long term members but who have dropped their membership. It was decided that they should still be acknowledged.

November Brunch — We need to reserve the First Lutheran Church Richmond Beach for November 21.

American Association of University Women sent an email request for inclusion on our website. After discussion it was decided that they will be mentioned under the special news link.

Grants Questionnaire — Karen went over the results of the questionnaire she had sent the Board. Eleven members responded. The following is the result of that review.

It was decided that giving the full amount requested was the correct option. It may mean that we need to raise this budget item. Applicants should be as specific as possible to justify the amount of their request.

There will be a scoring rubric to help with the decision-making process.

There will be no restriction on number of prior years of receiving the grant.

It is important the proposal clearly reflect a connection to a curricular area of study or a school wide goal/program. We will look into the possibility of having a signature of principal/department head.

Value will be placed on a) enriching the classroom experience, b) purchasing curricular material to supplement existing classroom materials, c) promoting active student involvement and d) providing experiences that students are otherwise unlikely to have at school

We all thanked Karen for both the good job last fall and the good job at creating the questionnaire and leading the discussion.

The remaining items on this month's agenda were tabled to next month.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary

An email was sent out to Board members acknowledging that Roberta has accepted the nomination for Vice President. That sets our Board nominations as: President no nominee, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips and Treasurer Tom Hawkins.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Phillips
Secretary