

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES
EXECUTIVE BOARD PLANNING SESSION
FOUNDATION HOUSE at BOTHELL
AUGUST 11, 2010

Those present: Cheryl Bauer, Rachel Lake, Erma Snook, Donna Murrish, Rita Requa, Marilyn Dauer, Betty Odle, Alice Bingaman, Virg Rayton, Dave Johnson, Roberta Hawkins, Bob Nordeen, Evelyn Nordeen, and Barbara Berg.

I. Call to Order/Welcome:

Rachel Lake called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00. Erma Snook led us in the flag salute. Welcome was given by the co-presidents.

II. Mixer:

Erma then led us in a brief mixer where we shared one unique thing about ourselves. Douglas, Director of Marketing and Sales, from the Foundation House spoke to us about who they are, and what they have to offer. We had a lovely set up including lots to munch on and a variety of things to drink.

III. Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the July meeting were read silently. It was moved by Roberta Hawkins and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report/Budget:

Difficult to give an accurate report at this time because of trouble with the bank not reflecting a deposit they had gotten from the state. The bank admits it's their fault, but they still don't show the money in our account. We will budget from a lean point of view until the money shows up in the account. At the end of the meeting we will approve the budget based on items as we discuss them throughout the meeting. Money we get is dependent on membership. At this time we have 1136 members with 3 pending. The following budget items have been prioritized to put money back into if the money becomes available. First, restore grants to their previous level. Secondly, do not reduce the money given to memorials. Keep it at \$50 instead of making it \$25. (This is the money we use to fund the four first year scholarships. Are we robbing Peter to pay Paul?) And the third priority, would be to continue funding convention delegates at the current level.

V. Validation of Officer Slate: According to the By Laws, we need to validate the officers slate at a general meeting. This will be done at the September meeting after appropriate publication in the next newsletter. Officers include: Co-Presidents: Rachel Lake and Erma Snook, Vice President: Roberta Hawkins, Secretary: Cheryl Bauer, and Treasurer: Donna Murrish. Other Executive Board positions that have changed are: Sunshine and Past President: Evie Nordeen, Membership: Rita Requa (with help from Bob Nordeen and Marilyn Dauer.)

VI. Goals:

Rachel would like to use the following as the goals for the coming year. **REVIEW** What do we need to do to revitalize our organization? **RECONSIDER** What objectives need to be looked at? This will include budget, by laws and others. **RESET** What changes could be made to the following: budget, programs, membership, grants program, convention delegates, and others. I'm sure we'll hear more about these goals as the year progresses.

VII. Legislative Update:

Rachel read a paper that Ellie Bonanno had sent. We have two rally cries for the year. They are BE AWARE and BE READY. Be aware of upcoming elections and opportunities to get involved with candidates worthy of our support. Be ready to explain our issues, be part of a phone tree and be ready to contact our legislators. (The hand out is attached to the minutes.) Rachel passed out another paper with the WSSRA Legislative Goals for 2010 – 2011. The backside included a Legislative Insight as summarized by Ellie and Rachel. (This will also be attached to the minutes.) Rachel said that at the next PAC group meeting they will go over the post primary candidates and hopefully publish a list of who to support. As a side note, November 1, 2010, will be the date Bill Fromhold becomes our new lobbyist for WSSRA.

VIII. Go Over Notebook:

A. Verify Roster Info:

Needed corrections were given to Erma. She will publish a new roster reflecting these changes.

B. Calendar:

The calendar has been organized three different ways. Is this a teacher reaching various learning styles?? The calendar, of course, is subject to change.

C. Report Forms:

There are many of us who need to fill out this information so the person replacing us will have needed and helpful information. December 1 is the deadline for getting them to Erma.

D. Policy on Providing Information and Access:

This policy was added to our notebook in the By Laws section. This form should be read over by the each of us. It gives insights as to issues of a political nature including our positions on political candidates and sponsors of ballot issues.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on email address campaign:

Donna reported she has 137 people signed up so far. Forms were passed out to us so we could register our address with her for this purpose.

B. Picnic:

This event continue to be a lot of work. She would especially like help next year washing all the dishes after the event. She'll have a sign up sheet for people to wash various items, and then bring them back to her. She felt we had a fair turn out, the food was great, the weather cooperated, and we all appreciated Bob Jones providing the music.

C. Benefit Fair/Membership:

Papers went around for people to sign up and help with the Benefit Fairs in both Shoreline and Edmonds. We will give one Entertainment Book to each of the districts to use as a door prize. When we sign up new members, we should use the "blue forms" for actives (those still in education) and the "white forms" for already retired people. It is best to send all forms entirely back to Donna.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Programs for 2010 – 2011:

Question was asked how much are we going to spend for programs? The budget reflects a proposal of \$500. There is a category for rent so that does not come out of the program budget.

1.) Our first meeting is the General Meeting on September 16. We discussed going to The Spaghetti House, Alfies or O'Donnells in south Everett. Dave Johnson moved we go to O'Donnells. Motion was seconded. Cheryl amended the motion to read we charge \$15 which would make a small profit and help out the budget. Motion was defeated. Dave Johnson then moved we go to O'Donnells's

(where they will charge \$12.00 for a choice of 4 menu items) and pass the hat for the purpose of getting money for grants. Motion was seconded and passed.

2.) Our second meeting is the Scholarship Luncheon on November 18. This will be at the Unitarian Church and will be a potluck. Betty mentioned that hard part was heating the rolls and getting the coffee and tea ready. Cheryl suggested that the rolls did not have to be heated. We will need someone to take over Cheryl Bickford's place on a permanent basis. She had been responsible for sign ups. Rachel had heard a group called "The Sisters in Harmony" and recommends we try to get them. Question of costs came up as did availability. We gave Rachel the go ahead to try find out more information and try to book this group depending on costs.

3.) Our third meeting will be a Sing-a-long with Bruce. We discussed the possibility of having a Christmas Sing-a-Long on December 9 with Bruce Caldwell playing the piano. The idea of having a Cookie Fair to make money was also discussed. Concern was voiced over place (singing Christmas carols) and whether people will come at this time of year. Details need to be worked out, but we voted to give the Sing-a-Long a try. Information will go out in the November bulletin.

4.) Our fourth meeting is to be on February 17. Rita contacted Cheryl Reed from AARP to do a program on Cyber safety. She's not sure she'll be able to do this, but AARP has a lot of other programs that are informative in nature as well. We need to do one information type program to qualify for the Unit of Distinction.

5.) Our fifth meeting is the Scholarship Luncheon on April 21 and will again be a potluck. Rachel had another good idea for the entertainment. It is Matt Dahlberg better known as "The Jumping Frog." His cost would be \$100. It was suggested she sign him up ASAP.

6.) Our sixth meeting is our Joint Meeting with Sno-Isle on Friday, May 20. This is a change of date to accommodate Betty's niece, Karen Holm, who is doing a program on her Arctic Region Trip. We will pay her at least \$100 as she has to come up from Bend. If the budget allows, we should pay her even more. We hope to be able to go to the Sno-Isle Skill Center as they are to be up and running by October according to Chef Becky.

7.) Our end of the year function will be the picnic in Edmonds on July 21.

B. Raffles/Fund Raising:

We talked about having a silent auction, but decided that was a lot of work, and we didn't want to do that at this time. Erma had printed an information sheet (found in the front of our booklets) to use when we ask for donations.

C. Directory Decisions:

Erma had gotten several bids from various vendors. To have the directory stapled was less costly than spiral bound, but they do not last as well. Bruce Caldwell will do the lay out with help from Donna. We questioned whether people other than board members really use them. We will have further discussions at the September Executive board meeting.

D. Grant Policy Guidelines:

Virg would like to see us put together an application form to be used as a screening process for those desiring grants. Last year we had more applicants than money to grant, and a selection process based on some type of criteria would help the committee determine who to give grants to in the future. Rita and Virg will get together and set up some kind of guidelines to be put in the August 20 bulletin.

E. governor's Health Bowl:

The state may not organize this program this year, but we can go ahead and do it on our own. It would start on September 18. We would walk the Edmonds waterfront on September 20 with coffee at the senior center after we walked. There would be another community walk on October 13th at the Alderwood Mall with coffee afterward at Auntie Annies. A form was passed out with walking and other activities that could be counted.

F. Bulletin Deadlines:

August 20 is the next bulletin deadline. All news should be to Dave Johnson by then.

G. Other:

Cheryl reported that the Winnie Smith Scholarship Fund had \$160,831 in it at this time. Donna and Cheryl had met with Mark Anderson recently and were not making any changes at this time.

XI. Budget Adoption:

Cheryl spoke to not decreasing the amount for grants. They are an important means of bringing in active members and a service to those in education. Cheryl moved we keep the grant amount at \$4000. The motion was seconded and passed. The money will come from the yet to be recorded deposit and from the contingency funds if needed. We will review the proposed memorial fund contribution level in September after we have a clearer picture of the budget. We will also look at convention delegate numbers, and the amount we subsidize them at a later time.

XII. Good of the Order:

The September general meeting will be promoted as a social function, although there are business items to take care of as well. We will start the luncheon at 12:15 with the business being done first. We need to officially elect the officers and approve the budget with the grant amendment of \$4000. Cheryl then read several thank yous.

Rachel closed the meeting at 12:30. A delicious lunch followed with a wonderful dessert. YUM!
Thank you to everyone for coming and sharing their thoughts and ideas. A big thank you to Erma and Rachel for their great organization. We're off to a great year!

Submitted by,
Cheryl Bauer