

8/13/2014 Executive Retreat minutes

Location: Foundation House, Bothell, WA

Attendees: President Cheryl Bauer, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Donna Murrish, Barbara Berg, Barbara Bumgardner, Linda Fitzgerald, Joan Hertrich, David Johnson, Rachel Lake, Keith Lindaas, Betty Odle, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President Cheryl Bauer. She welcomed Barb Bumgardner. Cheryl asked that we introduce ourselves.

Erma Snook presented a thank you to Cheryl with sayings that were read by individuals and a sewn basket to hold the sayings.

Dave Johnson gave an update on his wife's, Marlene's health.

The minutes from the July 10, 2014 Executive Board meeting were read and approved as were the July 16 general membership minutes.

We then went through the notebook section and corrected as needed. The Rooster was corrected. The various forms of next year's calendar were reviewed. All the forms in the book were also reviewed.

Donna Murrish gave a report on the current budget. Donna presented a proposed budget for the 2014-2015 year.

Committee Reports -- Each chair also gave a hard copy for the minutes.

Legislative --Report attached. Rita summarized her report saying that we will need to be watchful of the upcoming legislative session to protect t our current pension plans and to preserve the PEBB subsidy.

Picnic report -- Betty was glad to see some of the grant recipients. She also gave out the recipe for the sauce for her meatballs as that was the last time she would make them.

Benefits Fairs – Signups were sent around. Both Shoreline and Edmonds are on September 10.

Grants –Report attached. Virg read his report.

Membership – Jim said as of 8/1/14 our count was 1279 with 11 new retirees and 1 active that were pending. The Edmonds School District will send out invitation to new retirees. We will provide the materials to go out including postage. Jim proposed an increase in the budget to cover this cost. We have 90 cash members. 57 have already renewed. A reminder to pay cash dues for the 2015-2016 will be published in the April and May newsletters.

Retirement Seminars – we report to each district the number of attendees. Attendance has been large which may cause a change in the venue.

Sunshine -- Evie sent out 40 cards during the year. Barbara Bumgardner has started making cards for this. Cards sent since the previous Board meeting were: Marlene Johnson a get well card, Nanna Brantigan a get well card, Michael Hill a sympathy card in memory of wife Judith, Shyoko Hiraga a caring card, Judith and Michael Hill a card of apology as the WSSR office was incorrect Judith did not die.

Scholarship – Linda The finance committee proposes that the first year recipients receive \$1500. This would start in 2015. Dave moved and it was seconded that we follow this recommendation. A clarifying statement was made that this should not affect the grants. It was passed and the change in policy should be noted as of 8/13/2014.

October Luncheon – signups were sent around.

Winnie Smith Fund – Cheryl stated that we started with \$ 153,673 and now has \$182,806.

Hospitality – Marlene Johnson will continue to chair.

Bulletin – Dave appreciates the early contributions. He will retire from this position in 2015. He is still willing to work on the scholarship committee. Cheryl asked those who have not filled in the “About Me” form to please do so.

Entertainment books – they now have a local rep that Donna is trying to contact.

Outreach – Barbara wants some short newsy items that she can share at the state level. What are members doing in the community to further SKSR?

Website – Jim reported that all pages are being viewed.

Directory – Jim moved that the SKSR Directory be published on a three-year cycle beginning in January 2015. An updated PDF of the directory will be made available to the membership in January 2016 and 2017. Corrections will continue to be published in the Bulletin. Roberta seconded. There was a clarification that the PDF will be sent once a year. The motion passed. The problem of gathering corrections for the 2015 Directory printing was discussed. Calling members was put forth as a possible means. Jim moved that prior to publishing the next directory, we contact each member to update their information for the directory via email for those with email and calling those without email. Jan seconded. Motion passed.

October Luncheon -- Rita volunteered to chair. Jim proposed a presentation by Alice Miller entitled Beauty and Duty. She comes dressed in military uniform and shows other uniforms. A honorium was suggested of \$100.

November Luncheon – Peter Diedrick, the WEA lobbyist was suggested. Other ideas were shared.

Budget for 2014 – 2015 Adjustments were made to the proposed budget. Jan moved to accept the budget as amended to be presented to the membership at the October meeting. Roberta seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Phillips, secretary