

SKSR Executive Board Retreat, August 11, 2016 Woodland Terrace-Bothell

Attendees: President Cheryl Bauer, Vice President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Barbara Berg, Bruce Caldwell, Jo Caldwell, Linda Fitzgerald, Keith Lindass, Donna Murrish, Betty Odle, Evelyn Nordeen, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Jim Siscel, Erma Snook

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President Cheryl Bauer. The pledge of allegiance was said.

The minutes for the May 12 Executive Board meeting, the July 5 Executive Board meeting and the July 20 General Meeting were postponed until the September 8 Executive Board meeting.

Cheryl handed out this year's editions of the Notebook and went over them.

Tom Hawkins, treasurer, handed out the proposed budget. We would go over several items that need to be discussed during the meeting. At the end of the meeting a motion to accept the budget with all the amendments will be made. Tom said that there were some procedures that the audit committee recommended that we change. The first was that an audit occurs once a year. Second when events occurred with an exchange of money, the monies be counted by the treasurer and then 2 other members who would verify the amount on a form. Tom then proposed a new line item for gifts. Currently they are listed under the president's expense.

Copying costs were also discussed. It was moved and seconded that copying costs be 7 cents a page and that there be a line item for those printing costs. Motion passed. The forms will be reviewed by Jim, Roberta, and Cheryl and will be presented at a future meeting.

It was moved and seconded that we insert a line item for gifts. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the line item "Bulletin operations" be eliminated. Motion passed.

Old Business/Committee reports

Bulletins – Bruce and Jo Caldwell handed out a discussion/work sheet. Jo led a discussion on why we send out bulletins. This was to help focus articles written

for the bulletin. Then Bruce went over the logistics of where to send the articles, lists and photos.

July picnic – We had 38 people attend, some for the first time. We made \$150 from the \$5 fee for attending. It cost us \$167. WSSRA-PAC made \$92 from the raffle.

Benefit Fair – signups were sent around for the Edmonds and Shoreline Fairs. Cheryl and Jim will meet with the new Edmonds SD superintendent on August 24. They will set up a similar meeting with the Northshore superintendent.

Educator grants – Virg would like to see the proposed increase (\$250) adopted. It was moved and seconded that the grant amount be raised to \$9,000 total, with individual grants having a maximum of \$250. Motion passed.

Membership – Jim reported that as of August 9 we have 1342 current members. That is an increase of 17 over last year. However it is down from last month due to the fact that not all the cash members have renewed their memberships. We have increased our membership by 84. Unfortunately there were 27 deceased members.

Sunshine – Evie reported that she sent: a sympathy card to the family of Raymond Reigers; a sympathy card to the family of Edith Faste; a sympathy card to the family of Virginia Dickerson; a sympathy card to the family of Arthur Nicholas and a sympathy card to the family of Rita Connaughton.

Finance report – Cheryl handed out a report explaining the history of the Winnie Smith grant monies. Keith commented that with this funding he would like to see the money raised from \$1500 to \$2000 per student for the Winnie Smith renewable scholarships.

Discussion then followed about the \$34,000 that was added to the Edward Jones account from the CD meant for SKSR scholarships. It was moved that this money be kept separate from the Winnie Smith monies. It was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to increase the SKSR four scholarships from \$1500 to \$2000 each. Motion was seconded and passed.

It was moved that the Winnie Smith scholarship be raised from \$1500 to \$2000 each. Motion seconded and passed.

Rita went over her handout of election results. This then led to a discussion on the decision previously made that allowed WSSRA access to SKSR emails. It was decided to let that decision stand.

Jim handed out material dealing with possible speakers and field trips. He had gathered them from a variety of sources.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the amount given for memorials from \$25 to \$50. Motion passed.

The catering of the fall and spring luncheons was discussed. It was decided that catering will continue. The cost will partially be offset by the \$5 fee charged to attend the luncheon. If food is sold after the luncheon it will go to reimburse the food costs.

NW 1 has a new president, Rita Requa. Erma Snook will be the secretary. Rita said that the meetings will be in Mt. Vernon on October 10, January 9 and March 13. Speakers will be Peter Diedrick in October, Dr. Boring in January and Curt Horne, the incoming WSSRA president, in March.

In the past the treasurer dealt with the scholarship monies. Donna will continue to write letters to the college to accompany the checks and to the student to let them know the checks have been deposited into their account.

The dates for the Newsletter were pointed out – both due dates for articles and folding dates. Also we discussed the need to explain to our members how we treat their confidential information. This will be in a future newsletter.

The budget was passed with the new additional line items and deletion of one line item. It will show the carry-over from last year. The membership will vote on this budget at the next general meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Phillips, Secretary