

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2010

Those Present: Ellie Bonanno, Marion Fyall, Betty Odle, Donna Murrish, Erma Snook, Virg Rayton and Cheryl Bauer

Ellie called the meeting to order at 1:00 and led us in the flag salute.

Cheryl read the minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved (by Virg) and seconded we approve the minutes as presented.

Donna went over the treasurer's report with us. She has ordered 150 Entertainment Books for next year. It was moved (by Erma) and seconded we approve the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative:

Ellie reported on her visits to the legislators. She passed out a hand out called Pensionomics. We are asking our legislators to support substitute SB 6584. This would require the Housing Care Authority to make accessible a log of all complaints filed by insurance carriers providing PEEB contracted services. This would promote accountability and responsiveness of plans that contract with HCA.

Plan 2 Default had public hearing and was left out. She felt it would be brought back and put before the Senate and then to the House. This bill would make Plan 2 the default for new employees if after 90 days they had not chosen a retirement plan. Right now the default is Plan 3.

Most of the rest of the bills are dead in the water.

For more information on what's happening in Olympia, be sure to read the next edition of The Journal and check the March bulletin.

Grants:

Virg read a couple more of the "thank you's" he had received via email.

Membership:

Bob had sent a written report. They were continuing to go to schools in Northshore.

Health:

Gordon was unable to attend.

Scholarships:

Barbara Berg will be the scholarship reader at the NW 1 level.

Outreach:

Sign-up sheet for the March Retirement Seminars was passed around.

Sunshine:

Marion had sent a sympathy card to the family of Ed Alverti.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Units of Distinction:

Evie had filled out all the areas where we met the qualifications for this honor. There are three areas we yet need to address. They are the following: 1.)Will we have 2/3 of our allocated members at convention? 2.)Have we sponsored a program on some kind of community issue? Suggestions for this included: Walk-a-Thon, having the superintendents speak at our meetings, and the Iraq care package

drive. 3.) Do we have any activities planned for the third week in March which is School Retirees Week? Ideas suggested were to take treats to a school and make sure they were identified from SKSR.

NEW BUSINESS:

February 18 General Meeting:

This meeting starts at 1:00 with coffee and cookies and a brief meeting. The superintendent from Northshore will speak at about 1:20. At 1:30 we will welcome George Washington as our guest. Jim Hodges is a professional speaker, and we are very fortunate to have him speak to our group. Please try to attend and encourage anyone you know to attend as well. Ellie asked that we each try to contact at least five people. Sno-Isle has been invited, as have the people who are working in the Edmonds Ad Center. What a treat for a President's Day celebration!

AARP and Haiti:

Ellie read a letter from AARP asking for contributions that would go to helping in Haiti purchasing items that relate to older people. There was a lot of discussion as to exactly how to go about getting the contributions, what the time line was, etc. We decided to table this idea until we had more exact information. Perhaps it will come up at the NW 1 level.

Soldier Appreciation Project:

Jim Siscel will be collecting money for this at the February General Meeting. It will go his niece's unit in Iraq.

Mariner Baseball Night:

This is June 4. Information came out in the last bulletin or contact Jim Siscel.

NW 1 Office:

If anyone is interested in serving at this level, please let Evie know.

Convention Needs:

Rita will have various expenses that we as a unit can help provide. Cheryl moved, and it was seconded to give Rita Requa \$200 to defray the expenses she may encounter. The was seconded and passed.

Hazel Miller Foundation:

Hazel Miller was an Edmonds resident who died and left a large amount of money to be used as scholarships. Evie has already written a letter to them asking that we be considered as a recipient. We do not know much more at this time. Suggestions to use the money for grants and scholarships (if we are selected) were made. More info to come.

DATES:

February 18 – General Meeting at 1:00 at the ESC

March 1 – NW Coordinating Council (Attending at this time are: Evie, Bob N. Bob J., Ellie, Donna, and Betty) Others are welcome

March Thursdays – Retirement Seminars at the ESC. Most are 6:00 - 8:00 PM

March 11 – SKSR Board Meeting with Donna Murrish as chair

March 12 – News to Dave Johnson (Note the change!!)

March 15 – 19 – Retired School Educators Week

March 29 – Bulletin Folding

Submitted by, Cheryl Bauer