

SKSR Board Meeting

January 11, 2024

Attendees: Vice President Cathy Webb, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Jennifer Altena, Linda Fitzgerald, Karen McElliott, Virg Rayton, Jim Siscel

Vice President Cathy Webb called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. She asked us to stand and join her in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes For the November 9 board meeting were accepted as corrected.

Minutes for the November Luncheon were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer report — Jennifer reported that we had \$44,919.57 in our checking account. So far this year we have spent \$14,583.57. The SKSR savings account has \$6,250.49. The SKSR Investment account has \$97,692.15. The Winnie Smith investment account has \$96,625.97.

Legislative — Jim reported that he had sent out the most recent letter that he has received from Peter Diedrick.

Membership — Jim reported that we have 1,367 members, one more than last month. We have 2 retiree and 3 active memberships pending. There were 3 members who passed away.

Educator grants — Karen said the checks were out to the School Districts except for one which was going to an individual. She gave all the Superintendents, district information officers, and local publications information about the recipients. The committee has completed giving out the awards to 7 of the 10 schools. We have gained 12 new members because of this activity. In December Karen emailed our active members about the additional grant deadline. She is looking at new ways to distribute the monies next year. Jim talked to item V-E about possibly changing the date so that we would get more applications in the first round. Linda moved that the board approve that Karen does not need to gather a committee as long as there are sufficient funds, and all applications meet the criteria. Motion was seconded and passed.

Health report — No report

Scholarships — Linda and Keith have met and revised this year's applications. Keith reminded the Winnie Smith applicants that they need to submit a

statement about next year's plans and an unofficial transcript. They will need to submit an official transcript before receiving any monies. The high school applications are due March 15. Keith and Linda will deliver the applications to the high schools next week. The applications can either be written or submitted electronically. Mary Lynn Potter and Virginia Lowe are on the committee to look at the applications.

Sunshine — Barb reported that on November 12 she sent: a sympathy card to the family of Justine Wood, a caring card to Kathy Mollenberndt, a caring card to Barbara Vadset, a caring card to Jan Westerlund and a caring card to Martha Clatterbaugh. On November 15 she sent: a sympathy card to the family of Frances Eichoff, and sympathy card to family of Mack Newton. On December 11 she sent a sympathy card to the family of Catharine Barker.

Records — Erma reported that on December 7 she sent out an email from WSSRA. On January 2 she sent the Bulletin via email, and on December 10 she sent the Bulletin to the regular mail addresses. We have added 7 members with 1 joining because of AMBA. The U S Post office mailing is still a problem with the barcodes being in the wrong place. Because of the number of returns we still do not have access to the free mail.

Website — Jim is keeping it up to date.

Bulletin — no report

New Business

November Luncheon — Cathy reported a good time was had by all. She enjoyed the speaker, Diana White.

December Board Luncheon -- The snowflakes that Cathy had ordered for the December Luncheon were distributed.

February Humanities Washington — Roberta that she had sent out press invitation including our legislators. She needs people to bring water, coffee and the cookies as well as to help set up. There will be a meet and chat from 12 to 12:30. The Edmonds Superintendent Rebecca Miner will speak at 12:30. Then the Humanities presentation will begin.

Field trip — Karen had dates from Century Link. We picked March 21 as the ideal date with a backup of March 22. We would prefer an 11 am start for the tour. This will be a 2-hour excursion. Jim moved that admission checks be sent to Jennifer who will then pay the bill with an SKSR check. Motion seconded and passed. Jim then moved that SKSR subsidize parking for cars with three or more people. Motion was seconded and passed.

Retirement seminars will be held at the ESC. The dates are March 2nd, 14th, and 28th. Registration will be required. He needs 2 people to help register and one person to make a presentation about SKSR. Karen offered to do the presentation. There will be a zoom presentation on March 21st.

Honorary Membership — Members who have been actively involved and who turn 90 can earn an honorary membership. This means that they no longer owe dues. There was discussion as to whether we have anyone qualified. Rita was suggested.

Blue Vests — Jim asked if we wanted to continue to wear the blue vests at convention. Karen brought up the fact that we would be taking tickets. It was decided to see if we had enough vests from our members.

Convention — Jim reminded us that the convention would be in Wenatchee this year on June 3, 4, and 5. He asked that people let him know if they were going.

\$200 Annual Donation — Jim moved that we make available the donations to Shoreline - The Works, Northshore School Foundation and WA Kids in Transition. Motion was seconded and passed.

Karen moved that the board endorse Peter Diedrick as the new Executive Director of WSSRA. Motion seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary