

Executive Board Meeting  
Sno King School Retirees  
January 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President, Erma Snook. The flag salute followed.

Those present were: Cheryl Bauer, Barbara Berg, Ellie Bonanno, Linda Fitzgerald, Bob Jones, Donna Murrish, Bob Nordeen, Evie Nordeen, Betty Odle, Virg Rayton, Erma Snook.

The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Donna Murrish gave the Treasurer's Report. After recommending a move of \$180 mailing permit money from Bulletin Operating Expense to Bulletin Postage Expense, the report was approved as corrected. We sold 134 Entertainment Books for a profit to the Scholarship Fund of \$754. Erma inquired about posting budget information in each Bulletin. Dave Johnson, Bulletin Editor, had some reservations about doing that. Erma will contact him to inquire further.

Donna reported that she and Bruce Caldwell are meeting this next week to finalize directory for publishing. Mailing may be postponed to February to accommodate printing of Legislator Contact Information (red card). That data is not available yet. The card will be mailed with the directory along with a flyer advertising our Mariner Game event on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

#### Committee Reports

NW-1. The coordinating council for NW-1 met on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. There were seven from our unit in attendance. Rita Requa, WSSRA president elect, announced her theme would be "Stay Connected." Dick Anderson, District Representative, gave a full report of the last WSSRA Executive Board meeting. Plans for Convention 2009 in Vancouver, WA, June 8-10 are under way. Amtrak at less than \$30 one way is a viable means of transportation. Dick reported that it would cost each Unit about \$750 to comply with new IRS requirements for establishing non-profit status. WSSRA will reimburse each unit (Donna Murrish, our treasurer, has already done this for us!!) Leslie Main assured the WSSRA Board that the Washington State Pension Fund has a diverse enough portfolio to withstand the current downturn and plans to realize the projected 8% return (reporting as of November!) Ellie Bonanno reported that Ed Gonion spoke to us of the very unlikely possibility of accomplishing our goals this term. He listed 14 very large budget cuts scheduled from the Governor's Budget and all of those only totaled \$3+ billion dollars when our deficit will be \$6+ billion. Included in the cuts is \$440 million to skip payment to our Washington State Pension Fund. This a huge concern as the last skipped payment has not yet been paid back! (See WSSRA Journal article in January/February, 2009 issue)

Grants. Rita was not in attendance but stories of delivering grants were shared. It was a very rewarding experience. The winter weather contributed to a few scheduling difficulties. Ellie wanted us to send special kudos to Rita for the excellent organization and the provision of everything we needed, down to a possible script to use to present grants to them and recruit membership!! Great job! 20 Grants were awarded.

Legislature. Ellie reported that the Legislature contact card would be going out when Rachel was able to get the data. Ellie emphasized the need to store card prominently—in Directory?—for instant use. Ellie redistributed the Phone Tree List noting additions.

Membership. Bob Nordeen reported contacting and visiting elementary schools. Some schools he distributed information. At NW-1 meeting, the State Membership Co-Chair, Barbara Landrock, reported that Sno-King was second in membership gains to date. We received two more certificates of recognition for new members.

Retirement Planning. Bob Jones reported the dates for Retirement Seminars are last Wed. in February and all Weds. in March. Manpower will be needed and recruited at February meeting.

Scholarship Committee. Linda Fitzgerald had met with co-chair, Keith Lindaas, to prepare for the annual Scholarship selection process. She gave a very thorough report implementing the recommendations of the Board to (1) remove question about citizenship and (2) to include a signature verifying accuracy of information provided on the application. The application will be put on our Web Site at SKSR.org. The committee will try to conduct the entire process by email. The application will be available in about two weeks. Following the March deadline, the Scholarship Committee will meet on or about March 31<sup>st</sup> to determine recipients. Lynn Nothdurft, Alice Bingaman, and Cheryl Bickford will be contacted to assist in selection process.

Linda explained a dilemma in requiring a 3.0 GPA from first year renewal-eligible College students. These students, by the deadline for application for renewal, will have only completed the first term. We will encourage students to include a transcript, but classes taken the first year would not demonstrate intent to continue in Education field. The student's personal declaration will carry the most weight in the first year of renewal.

Linda asked for clarification of the name of the Winnie Smith Memorial Fund to use in the Renewal Application.

Sunshine Committee. Evie reports sending cards to Marle Blevins, Bill Borgert, Bert Reese and sympathy cards to Earl Garrison, William Stevenson, and Mrs. Ron Lee.

### Old Business

Scholarship Luncheon. We had 61 people in attendance. We netted \$647 from fees for lunch, memorials, raffles and Entertainment Books. Betty Odle's organization had us very festive and enjoying a great hot dish and salad luncheon—great food—thanks to all who contributed! (Note from minutes writer: Special thanks to Virg Rayton who pre set up the facility for us and saved us lots and lots of time in addition to providing mirrors and hangar racks and rooms for the show people! He not only was the first one to arrive, he organized the clean up and was the last one to leave!! He does so much under the radar!! Thanks, Virg!) Virg also delivered our Food Drive contributions to the Mountlake Terrace Food Bank and \$39.40 from money contributions went to the Lynnwood Food Bank.

By Law Revision. In the process of aligning our SKSR By Laws with our new Finance Committee change to the Scholarship Fund By Laws, a review of both By Laws ensued. A motion at our November meeting passed to accept the suggested revisions as corrected. Bob Jones made a motion and it was seconded and passed to reopen the discussion on changes. Cheryl walked us through the history of the last By Law revision of the Scholarship Fund By Laws last year to include the Winnie Smith Memorial Fund and to add the Finance Committee. She questioned our need to make any new changes. The Ad Hoc Committee, Donna Murrish, Rita Requa and Rachel Lake felt more clarity could be realized in the Name, Purpose and Administration Articles of the By Laws. The discussion that followed attempted to clarify how the Scholarship Fund(s) should be addressed to include and recognize the Winnie Smith contribution. The recommended result of the discussion was to make Article I entitled "Funds" and within the Article write: "A. The Sno King School Retirees Scholarship Fund" and "B. The Winnie Smith

Memorial Fund." "Article II Purpose" language was created to recognize that the SKSR Scholarship Fund is to go to High School seniors and that the Winnie Smith Memorial Fund is to fund the renewable scholarships to college students. (Cheryl and I feel the language used at the meeting was something like this: The purpose of the Sno King School Retirees Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to high school seniors in Edmonds, Northshore and Shoreline school districts. The purpose of the Winnie Smith Memorial Fund is to award renewable Scholarships to SnoKing School Retirees Scholarship Fund recipients who continue in the field of education and meet the criteria. ) Revisions to the "Article IV Administration" need further discussion. Bob Jones moved and it was seconded and passed to table this discussion until the February meeting and to form an interim committee to bring recommendations to the board. It was suggested that the interim committee of volunteers include members of the Ad Hoc By Law Committee and people present at this meeting. When work on the Scholarship Fund By Laws is complete, we need to review changes to SKSR Bylaws.

Baseball. Jim Siscel secured a section for us at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Mariners Game. We will get \$20 tickets for \$11. We want to encourage families, friends as well as members to attend and will only charge \$12 for each ticket, realizing a small profit to cover any costs involved. A flyer advertising the event will go in the Directory mailing. Tickets need to be purchased by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bulletin. Dave Johnson reminds us that the deadline for the Feb. Bulletin is Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Friday instead of Saturday). No articles will be accepted after the deadline. Dave also announced the need to move the deadline for the April Bulletin from March 20 to March 13 as he will be out of town.

#### New Business

Convention. Sno King has been asked to provide the centerpieces for the Tuesday Luncheon tables. It is the custom for the incoming President's Unit to provide the centerpieces.

February Program. "Staying Sharp" a video presentation at last year's convention was a popular event. We will show the video and also invite the Superintendents from Northshore, Edmonds, and Shoreline to address about their districts. We will meet at the ESC on February 19<sup>th</sup> in Board Room A and B.

Awards. Recommendations are sought for candidates for AARP Community Service Award, Patrick T. Hoban Meritorious Award and the Stan McNaughton Outreach Award. Contact Erma.

May Meeting. May 21<sup>st</sup> we will hold our annual Joint meeting with Sno Isle Unit 22. We will meet, again, at the Sno Isle Technical Skills Center and Chef Becky's culinary students will provide lunch. Our speaker will be Tony Ventrella a great inspirational speaker.

Raffle Items. Now, at the beginning of the year, is a good time to contact businesses for donations to our raffle events. Their budgets are fresh for the new year!

Identity Theft. At the Coordinating Council meeting Barbara Landrock shared information on how to protect yourself in the event of Identity Theft. We will try to include this in the Bulletin.

Good of the Order. A Christmas Card from Stephanie Dilbeck, scholarship recipient, was shared. We did a roundtable discussion of coupons we used in the Entertainment Book. Good tips!

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 p.m.  
Secretary ProTem, Erma Snook