

Attendees: Jim Siscel, acting chair; Tom Hawkins, treasurer; Virg Rayton, Evie Nordeen, Linda Fitzgerald, Jennifer Altena, and Karen McElliott, acting secretary

Jim started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. He then introduced Jennifer Altena, a recently retired Shoreline teacher. Jennifer has agreed to become our new treasurer after Tom retires in June. She was warmly welcomed. Jennifer and Jim will be the signees on the Edward Jones investment accounts, managed by Paula Fedirchuk and the Washington Federal Bank accounts.

Adoption of February Board Minutes: The minutes were amended. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Tom reported that as of February 28 we have \$45,408.86 in the checking account and \$19,180.81 in the savings account. The Winnie Smith account at Edward Jones has \$73,099.11. The SKSR savings account has \$73,099.11, a loss of \$1,339.45. To date, we have received a total of \$22,190.50 from WSSRA. He made one memorial transfer in the name of Betty Roggenkamp.

Legislative: Jim continues to forward the legislative reports. Currently, it looks like Plan 1 will receive a COLA this year. The PEBB subsidy is still uncertain. It is important to keep writing letters to the legislature about the importance of these measures.

Membership: According to Michelle, SKSR has 1,368 members; however, Jim thinks the number should be 1378; he knows of 13 new members that haven't been activated yet.

Grants: All the grant presentations have been made; according to Jim, SKSR gained 31 new members as a result. Karen has emailed all the recipients to check on their ability to access their funds and request photos for our website and the Bulletin; so far, no problems have been reported. She also reported that the Edmonds School District will be requiring grant recipients to have their grants approved by a district committee; more information to follow.

Health: Robin continues to write reports for the Bulletin.

Scholarships: Linda reported that Keith said there are 10 Winnie Smith recipients eligible to receive another year of support; in order to receive support, students need to send him an unofficial transcript and a report about their progress. To date, he has received paperwork for six of the ten. Linda hasn't received any high school application as yet, but she has received two letters of recommendation for two Northshore students. The committee will meet and decide on March 30 at the Edmonds Waterfront Center.

Sunshine: Barb reported that in February she sent the following: a sympathy card to the family of Carol Randall, a caring card to Ed Orsborn (broken leg bone), and a caring card to Karen Guthrie (hospice case with ALS), and in early March she sent a sympathy card to the family of Betty Roggenkamp.

R cords: Two emails have been sent to members since the last meeting: the Bulletin, which Erma emailed in small batches, and a PEBB survey. Both times she was able to send the emails without getting a Comcast spam bounce back. She mailed 320 Bulletins using bar codes. Only four barcodes were rejected; Erma was able to successfully redirect two of those, leaving only two Bulletins that were undeliverable.

Website: Jim is keeping the website up to date. He has posted all of the grant presentation photos. He will add photos of grants in action when he receives them.

Humanities WA: Tom reported for Roberta. Eric Wagner gave his presentation on "Mount Saint Helens: 40 Years Afterwards." It was well received. Eric did sell several copies of his book afterward. His check has not been cashed yet. There was a discussion of the overall quality of the Humanities WA presentations, and the consensus was that this is a good source for speakers. The price of the presentations will increase next year, and there will be a new list of presentations.

March Field Trip: The tour is confirmed for Friday, March 24, 1:30. There are 19 people signed up to attend. Tom will mail the check to the Seattle Art Museum today. Later today, Karen will send out an email confirming that the time has definitely been changed to 1:30 and

other logistical info. Since so many people volunteered to drive, she will also confirm how many carpools are actually needed. The later time means that several groups have indicated they plan to eat lunch before heading to the museum; therefore, only a small number may be meeting at Aurora Village at 12:15. She will send an email about the final division of drivers and riders.

March Retirement Seminars: Jim reported that 76 people attended the first Retirement Seminar at which he passed out 20-30 forms. There are three more seminars this month for which he has the necessary assistance.

April Lunch: The First Lutheran Church in Richmond Beach is confirmed as well as Dr. Miner who will talk about her pilgrimage to Spain. Linda will be responsible for contacting the scholarship recipients. Please email Cathy if you are planning to attend. Cathy also needs people to help: four or five for set up, two people to serve the food, and four or five for cleanup.

May Lunch: Announcement appeared in the March Bulletin . Barb will attend the next Board meeting to assign roles. Again, if you have not already RSVPed for this event, please do so.

Honorariums: Jim suggested that the Board provide a \$200 honorarium for the main speakers at our functions who do not require a fee. This would include speakers for the current year (i.e., Linda Fitzgerald and Lynda Hughes, \$100 apiece; Rebecca Miner's April talk about her Spanish pilgrimage, and astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenberger's May talk about her experiences. It was so moved and seconded. The motion passed with seven ayes and one abstention. Jim will also make certificates for the April and May speakers.

Re-Inviting New Retirees in April and May Luncheons: Jim asked that Board members once again contact this school year's newly retired members reminding them of their free lunches for April and May. Phone calls would be best. Jim will email the original list of contacts for those who don't remember. The calls, etc. should be made the last week of March.

WA Kids: Virg reported that the week of April 9, Erma will send out an

email soliciting more volunteers (maximum of 40 total) and making a final call for donations. The cut off for signing up and donations/checks will be Apr 15. On Apr 17, the check(s) will be delivered to WA Kids in Transition, allowing time for art supplies to be purchased. On Apr 22, Virg will send out an email reminder to those who have signed up. The activity will be held Apr 29th, 10-12. Jim requested that a photo be taken of the check delivery for the website.

Bulletin Costs: When the most recent Bulletin was printed, Erma and Office Depot realized that it had only been charging SKSR for one-sided printing. Therefore, starting with the next issue costs will be as follows: \$488.00 for two large two-sided sheets, up from the current incorrect of \$200.93; \$592.69 for two large two-sided sheets plus one insert; and \$352.26 for one large two-side sheet plus one insert. Jim will check Staples prices for the same, but in the past Staples has been more expensive. The Board will make a plea for paper users to go to electronic delivery.

Gift Card: Jim proposed that the Board purchase a \$100 gift card from Hops n Drops to give to Erma and Gil Snook for all the Bulletin folding they did through COVID as well as the folding for the most recent Bulletin . It was moved and seconded. Approved.

NW-1 Meeting: The next NW-1 meeting will be held at 10:00, March 20 at the usual place in Mount Vernon. Those present planning to attend: Jim, Tom, Virg, Rita, and Karen.

Convention Attendees and Baskets: As usual SKSR is expected to provide theme baskets to be raffled at Convention. Traditionally, we buy gift cards and wines. The cards we have been giving have an activation charge, so Jim suggested that we switch to Amazon cards. A motion was made that we purchase two \$60 Amazon cards and six bottles of WA wine and split them between two baskets, a total purchase of under \$200 total. The motion passed, no abstentions.

Convention will be June 5-7 in Pasco. Those currently planning to attend: Jim (will not be driving), Jennifer, Virg, Rita, and Karen.

Finance Committee Meeting: At the last meeting there was a recommendation that the Finance Committee meet for the purpose of

developing a plan for spending more SKSR money. Jim pointed out that this might not be necessary due to known increased costs (e.g., \$7 meal increase per member, additional printing costs, as mentioned in Bulletin item above, and increased scholarship amounts). After discussion, it was decided to schedule the next Finance Committee meeting to follow the Retreat.

New Speaker System and Microphone Report –Jim reported that he bought a new microphone as well. He tested the system in his backyard; his voice projected from the patio door to the fence. He stated that it is not too heavy to carry. The stand is adjustable. This was a total cost (stand, microphone, system et al) of \$215.78.

Add to the Retreat agenda: Tom has offered their daughter as a possible speaker for next year's luncheons. She will be on Guam and neighboring islands this spring. A history buff, she might be including topics such as the Enola Gay take-off at the end of WWII.

Bulletin Articles: Articles are due by April 13.

Submitted,
Karen McElliott
Acting Secretary