

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MAY 15, 2009

Present: Betty Odle, Evelyn Nordeen, Bob Nordeen, Gordon Bowers, Ellie Bonanno, Donna Murrish, Erma Snook, Cheryl Bauer, Barbara Berg, Rita Requa, and Rachel Lake

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Erma Snook who led us in the flag salute. It was mentioned as an FYI that Bruce and Jo Caldwell were in the audience at a town meeting with President Obama in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Way to go!!

Cheryl read the minutes of the previous meeting. Donna Murrish moved we approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed. Erma sent around various correspondences for us to read. Many were "thank you" from the scholarship recipients.

Donna then gave the Treasurer's Report. We should be able to handle the \$100 per person for those going to convention. We still have cash dues and some automatic dues deductions (ADD) yet to come in. The bulletin can cost anywhere from \$380-\$575. The postage is usually \$150. Our money in Edward Jones (Winnie Smith Memorial Fund) earned \$33.13 in interest. We now have \$65,671.12 in that account. Betty Odle moved we accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed. Erma mentioned we might want to go back to giving \$1000 per scholarship in the future. This will be discussed at the August planning meeting. SKSR will be reimbursed the \$750 for the IRS filing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health Report:

Gordon shared with us several items. The first was a "thank you" to Rita about the article on friendship which she had put in the last bulletin. The second was an article about Ken Armstrong and Michel Berens, the two men who had done the articles in The Times about the MRSA virus. They had won various honors for their work on this topic. And lastly, there were informative articles to be included in the next bulletin.

Legislative Report:

Ellie passed out the summary written by Richard Anderson highlighting the "Bad News" and the "Good News" with regards to the Washington Legislature and Budget Adoptions. The Good News:

Plan 1 COLA remains in place.

Final Plan 1 Gain Sharing distribution is still in place.

PEBB subsidies were not cut.

PUC method of funding Plans 2/3 was not adopted. Adopting the PUC method of funding would have allowed Plans 2/3 to accumulate an unfunded liability similar to what Plan 1 has.

The Select Committee of Pension Policy was not eliminated.

Membership Report:

As soon as Bob gets the new members list from Donna, he sends directories and other information to these people. Rita will try to find out when the blanket mailings will be happening. Bob has asked the three school districts to send him the list of upcoming retirees. The blind mailings (for help in recruiting new members) will happen in August and February. More information on this is yet to come.

Sunshine Committee Report:

Evie sent cards this past month to the Raytons (sympathy), Boyd Benson (ill), Nelsie McLeod (sympathy), and Alice and Walt Bingaman. Walt had had a heart attack.

Rita mentioned the need for a new "Grants" person next year. They would be responsible for overseeing the (\$200) grants given to active teachers who are members of SKSR.

OLD BUSINESS:

Table Decorations:

We are responsible for the (30) table decorations at the Wednesday luncheon. Erma shared with us various ideas she had thought of after receiving the logo that Bruce Caldwell had designed for Rita's banner. Erma suggested a plant with a fork type post in it on which we could put a card with a smaller version of the logo on it. Virg had sent Erma a logo with a "circle of friends." Erma also had the idea of putting connecting words put on a chain, and the chain then could then be used as part of the centerpiece. The plant idea seemed to go over with people as being easy and still attractive. We could incorporate the other ideas as well.

Convention (Vancouver Hilton):

1. PAC Table – Rachel will have a sign up sheet for helping at the Delegate Luncheon.
2. There are seven people going by train.
3. The Delegate's Luncheon will be June 3 at 12:00 at Barlees.
4. Please be sure Erma has your emergency information and cell phones so we can keep in touch with each. (We'll be just like the young people – editorial comment.)
5. We all seemed to have the appropriate T-shirt.
6. At this time there are no particular voting issues.
7. We need to be sure to get our chocolate items to Barbara Berg. She will be making our basket for the auction.
8. Evie Nordeen will go to the Health Committee meeting. Erma Snook will go to the Presidential Breakout session.

Mariner's Game:

Jim Sisco reported that we did make a profit of \$71.64. Date is June 5 at 7:10 P.M.

Nominating Committee:

Evie Nordeen has agreed to help with this. She has been calling people, but has not gotten any positive responses. Cheryl suggested that we try to have a point person, and then each of us on the board (or any member for that matter) would then be responsible

for a month and/or a program. There are ten Board Meetings and five programs a year (two of which are luncheons, but they still need a program.) Erma also mentioned the need for doing more programs that can be considered informational. At the planning session in August, we should come with ideas for programs. Rachel Lake moved that for next year we adopt the idea of having a contact person with each member of the board acting as rotating chairs to plan the executive meetings and the meeting for that month. The motion was seconded and passed. It was suggested that each board member try to get a non-board member to help them with their month. Erma will schedule the meetings at the Edmonds Ad Center so we are assured of a place to meet and have the dates. The person for the month would also be responsible for getting information to the newsletter. Evie will contact people and try to get them to help in this way.

NEW BUSINESS:

YADA:

There will be information in the next newsletter about YADA (Youth Awareness Disability Assemblies.) This group does assemblies in the schools.

DRS:

We all received information in our last retirement statement concerning the difference in withholding tax. The information explaining the change was mailed along with the appropriate form for changing the amount we want to have deducted.

Foundation House:

Ivan Settles is the contact person for the Foundation House. He is a member of SKSR and a resident there. Terry Raisio is the new administrator and had called Erma to promote The Foundation House not realizing that they advertise in our newsletter and that we usually meet there in August and are aware of what they have to offer.

Kudos:

Special thanks to Dave Johnson for the great job he is doing with the bulletin. The last issue was full of pictures, articles, By-Law revisions, etc. Friday, June 26, is the deadline for the next newsletter.

Finance Committee Report:

Per the directions given when this committee was formed, there is to be a report given to the executive board once a year. Cheryl will contact the people on the committee and try to have a report ready for the June or July meeting.

Audit of Treasury:

Dave Johnson and Donna Murrish will do the audit. If anyone else would like to work on it, the help would be greatly appreciated.

Good of the Order:

The recipient of the grant from Beverly Elementary had contacted Rita to let her know they are performing a play (using the money from the grant) on June 4 at 6:30.

Westgate Elementary in the Edmonds School District is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Friday, May 15.

Rita recommended that because Gordon Bowers is now 90, we should be starting the paperwork giving him Honorary Membership.

Submitted by,
Cheryl Bauer