

Sno King School Retirees

Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Erma Snook at 1 p.m. and the flag salute was given.

Those attending were: Barbara Berg, Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Marion Fyall, Rachel Lake, Jan Link, Donna Murrish, Treasurer, Bob Nordeen, Evie, Nordeen, Coordinator, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, WSSRA President, Erma Snook.

Jan Link, one of our members, gave a brief presentation about a recent College Spark grant her enterprise called Academic Link Outreach received. They will be working with Alderwood Middle School to identify a handful of students to work with in order to not allow them to fail nor drop out of school. She is recruiting volunteers, mostly with pay, to assist with tutoring, mentoring and has some needs to do grant writing. Contact her at jan@academiclinkoutreach.org or at 425-214-6500. Erma Snook has a set of handouts Jan distributed if you'd like to see them.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and a motion to accept them as presented was passed

The Treasurer's report was given and a motion to accept the report as presented was passed. Donna reported that we are very close to raising the \$4800 necessary for our Scholarship commitment. Sno King received a membership drive rebate of \$510 at \$10 per each new member our local recruited! Additionally, SnoKing received \$100 for enrolling more than 25 members. Kudos from around the table to Bob Nordeen and his excellent membership drives this year!!!

Committee Reports

Legislative: Ellie reported that there was nothing new this time of year, but had had a response to her call for Telephone Tree helpers from the Newsletter Article. Ellie distributed a PAC Flyer. Rachel said Sno King was second in dollar amount donated in the state. Rachel will again have a PAC raffle basket at the July Picnic.

Membership: Bob Nordeen reported he had recruited two new members this month. Bob said Marilyn and Ted Dauer will continue to help visit schools next year and expressed a need to begin earlier to visit schools. Edmonds schools will be the focus for the upcoming year. Bob is retiring this post and Rita Requa will chair next year.

Grants: Virg Rayton reported that no one was able to attend the Beverly Elementary show for which they used the Teacher Grant we awarded them, though we were invited.

Scholarship: We received two delightful thank you notes from Natalie Anderson and Wade Mendizabal this year scholarship recipients.

PAC: Rachel reported receiving donations for PAC generated by the Newsletter Article. Rachel also said that the PAC criteria used to determine which legislative candidates received money from PAC would be reviewed at the PAC meeting at Convention to allow more input. The majority of donations for PAC comes from west of the mountains. About \$4700 of the \$8500 goal has been donated so far. Rachel also signed up members to help man the PAC table at Convention. They are: Ellie Bonanno, Cheryl Bauer, Bob and Evie Nordeen, and Erma Snook.

Sunshine: Marion Fyall sent get well notes to Peg Weborg, Bob Jones and Richard Rondeau and sympathy cards to the Stuart Smith and Judith Carlson Leden families.

Old Business

There were only 35 people who purchased Mariners tickets for Jim Siscel's June 4th game, many fewer than last year.

Donna announced that next year Entertainment Book prices would increase from \$20 to \$25.

Evie reported nothing new yet from the Hazel Miller Foundation on our grant request for Scholarship money. There is a meeting in June—will hear later.

A discussion followed on how to best gather and gain member permission to use email addresses in reducing our postage for Newsletter distribution and for increasing our ease of communication. Erma is to draft a proposal for the Newsletter and work with Ellie, Rita, and Jim Siscel to propose a way to do this. That is then to be circulated to the Board for suggestions and changes before anything goes in the Newsletter.

The Scholarship Luncheon was a great success! The presentation by Rick Stevenson was very-well received and appreciated. Rick was delighted to see salads his mother used to make. Thanks to Betty for the usual outstanding job of making us look festive and getting all of us fed!

New Business

The Joint Meeting with Snolsle is set for May 18th at 11:45 a.m. at the Spaghetti Factory. We will have 26 attending from SnoKing.

The delegate luncheon for the pre-convention meeting will be June 1 @ 12: 30 p.m. at Barlees. Betty Odle is preparing centerpieces for the Tuesday Banquet at Convention. A work party will meet to assemble them. We have generous and abundant contributions to our Scandinavian themed Basket for Convention. Barbara Berg will work her usual magic and make up 2-4 baskets for auction!

Evie gave out more samples of Report Form Committee forms. She suggested that the duties of each office and committee chair fill out a report form as the job description in the By Laws is so incomplete as to not be helpful to an incoming person.

Evie shared our completed Unit of Distinction report she prepared and sent in on our behalf. One concern is whether we increased our membership by 10% or reached an all time high—difficult to do in our large Unit and with our aging population.

The Finance Committee is to meet and report the year's financial condition to the July Board Meeting. Members are: Ellie Bonanno, Cheryl Bauer, Don Denton, Bob Nordeen, Dick Stuckey, and Erma Snook.

A discussion ensued on our meeting room status for next year. Due to the State Auditor's tightening of room rent policies, we are subject to a \$30/hour room rent fee. We would not be able to afford this—several alternate meeting sites were cited and explored. (As of this writing, the room rent issue is resolved as we are awarded a status of "working on behalf of the district". This entitles us to rent free meeting room use, and only pay a \$25 room scheduling fee and a need to demonstrate our Insurance liability coverage, which we have carried for a long time. Whew!)

Under Good of the Order, Ellie reported attending a Children's Orthopedic luncheon where Winnie Smith was honored as a donor. Lots of great things in the tribute to her including the poem that Gordon Bowers wrote about her!

Respectfully submitted

Secretary pro tem, Rita Requa