

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

Jim Siscel, Chair of the meeting, handed out some work he would like to have done during the meeting. Then he called the meeting to order. He asked us to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance with him.

Minutes of October 9, 2023 — A motion was made to approve the minutes as emailed. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer — Jennifer reported that the WaFed account had \$ 47,279.47 in it. The savings account had \$19,638.33. Fourteen thousand dollars of that money will be transferred to the Edward Jones account per the motion last month. The Edward Jones SKSR Investment account has \$73,620.86. The Winnie Smith account has \$83,607.78.

Legislative — Jim reported that there is nothing new.

Membership — According to the state records we have 1,357 members as of October 11, down 23 from last month. Five members are deceased and three requested off. We have 24 new members pending.

Grants — Karen reported that there was some confusion with the Shoreline District concerning one of the teacher grants. It was decided that the teacher will receive her money. This year's applications' paperwork is much better. The problem is that she has only received 18 applications. Six schools from Edmonds, one from Northshore and three schools from Shoreline are represented in those applications. After discussion, Karen moved that we approve all 18 grants. The motion was seconded and passed. Discussion followed as to why there were so few applications. Karen moved that we offer a second round of education grants to be funded by the remaining grant budget. The application would be due February 1, 2024. The motion was seconded and approved. Rita thanked Karen for all the work that she has done to make this program successful.

Scholarships — Linda reported that she would write an article for the next Bulletin.

Health — Robin has written the article for the December *Bulletin*. Robin has written ~~will write~~ the articles for the January and March *Bulletins*.

Sunshine — Barb reported that she sent: on October 10 a sympathy card to the family of Kenneth Krautz, on October 11 a sympathy card to the family of Mary Bryan, on October 11 a sympathy card to the family of Stephen Burger, on October 11 a sympathy card to the family of Margaret Van Natter, on October 25 a sympathy card to the family of Joan Hertrich and on November 5 a sympathy card to the family of Diana McQuay.

Records — Erma reported that on October 10 she sent a message for Cathy to invite local Retirees and cash members to the Meet and Greet event. On October 13 she sent a message for Karen McElliott to remind Actives of the Grant application deadline. On October 26 she sent out the November/December Bulletin which was 1076 emails. On November 1 she sent out RSVP reminders to local retirees and cash members for the November luncheon. She sent a message to local retirees and cash members polling interest in the field trip to Climate Pledge for Karen McElliott.

Calendar Update —Cathy reported that the speaker for the November Luncheon is Diane White. She is known for her many roles as community leader, public servant, and previous Edmonds School Board. Her connection with, and advocacy for our region's Native Americans, specifically for her efforts to celebrate, share and keep alive the tradition of the Coast Salish People are the focus for the presentation. She will talk about her 2023 Paddle to Muckleshoot journey that featured more than 100 canoes and canoe families participating in the important cultural event. Cathy handed out invitations to the December Board lunch. She said that Roberta has been in contact with the February speaker. For the April Luncheon she has the Rescue Dog group. In May we will hear the State Treasurer and in July we have the picnic.

November Luncheon — Jim reported that we have 31 individuals signed up. He sent around a list and asked us to pick people we could call to remind them of luncheon. Any leftovers will be boxed and then sold.

Field Trip — Karen reported that she had received 37 responses to the survey about going to the Climate Pledge Arena. Because of the size of the responses, she contacted the Arena. There still is no firm date nor guaranteed cost. She will continue to follow up and will keep members posted. We are guaranteed a \$20 + tax cost, not including parking.

Major Mailing update — Jim reported that the expense involved in the effort is not worth it due to the lack of response.

WSSRA list Mailing — Jim will be sending out info to the webinar attendees. He will also send out the materials that the group has been working on to 100 recent retirees. He thanked the group for their work.

December Board Luncheon — Cathy handed out invitations to the luncheon and will mail out the remaining invitations.

Bulletin Articles — Will not have info about the March Field Trip.

Service Project — Virg received an email from Kim, Washington Kids in Transition asking for help with stuffing bags over the holidays. We decided not to ask the members due to the short time frame. He will ask if there is something we can do for them next year.

Bulletin articles — Due by Dec 13th or earlier. Board message — Cathy, Legislative — Jim, Health — Robin, Member changes — Erma, November Luncheon — Barb, Schedule for the year — Cathy and Scholarship — Linda/Keith, Grant recipients and Round 2 Grant Announcement - Karen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary