

Attending: Deby Comfort, Linda Fitzgerald, Lynda Hughes, Linda Lee, Karen McElliott, President Jim Siscel, VP Cathy Webb

Call to Order/Welcome – Jim

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from the October 9, 2025, Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Altena sent the following report:

Checking account balance: \$18,070.37

Dues collected to date this fiscal year: \$8,098.00

Washington Federal Savings: \$16,205.84

Washington Federal 7-month CD 7: \$10,031.60

Washington Federal 13-month CD: \$10,030.06

Edward Jones Scholarship Account: \$126,068.53

Winnie Smith Account: \$74,119.79

B. Legislative

Jim read Emmet's report.

Membership

Jim reported that of last month SKSR had 1380 members, including 325 actives, with 5 actives and 4 retirees pending. Last month, three requested off the list, and one death occurred. In total, SKSR is down one member from last month, but up nine members from this time last year.

Educator Grants

Karen reported that she received a total of 44 grant applications. One requested an oscillating tower fan for the classroom; the board decided to deny that request at an earlier board meeting. Karen contacted the applicant and asked her if she would like to submit a different request, and she declined. She talked with Jim, and they agreed to reduce the amount of one grant: the applicant wanted money to fund two buses for multiple classrooms; we agreed we should fund only one for his classroom. The 43 (2 ESD, 7 NSD, and 34 SSD) grants total \$15,075; all can be granted.

She passed out a sign-up list for grant presentations. A list of schools still needing presenters was to be placed by today's sign-in station.

E. Health – See below.

F. Scholarships – Linda Fitzgerald is updating as necessary information for website.

Sunshine

Barb Bumgardner reported that she sent a thank-you card to Gil Snook, thanking him for the \$10,000 donation to SKSR in Erma's name and a thank-of-you card to Rita Requa after her fall at home.

Records – Deby reported the same information as Jim under membership above.

Website

The website is current.

Health Person

Still looking for a health person after Bruce writes article for the Jan/Feb *Bulletin*.

Today's Luncheon & Program

Lynda Hughes reviewed today's program. An estimated 29 people plan to attend; not all will be eating lunch. Karen will collect the money since Jennifer is not present.

Humanities Washington Program Update

Linda Lee has contacted Humanities WA and confirmed Feb. 19, 12:30, at the ESD Boardroom for "Names all over the Map: Stories Behind the Names of Washington Places and Things" presented by Felix Banel. Jim will contact Superintendent Miner about presenting her annual ESD update.

December Luncheon

Cathy announced that the Board Luncheon would be held Dec. 11, at noon at the Pancake Haus in Edmonds. She confirmed who should receive invitations. The invitations will be mailed soon.

May Program

Jennifer will connect with Debbie Dimitre for the May program. She presented the choice of topics, and the Board voted. The top choices were (1) Nellie Bly and (2) Pocahontas, Sacagawea, and Chief Sealth's Daughter.

New Locker and Excess Items

Jennifer, her husband Tom, and Jim moved items from the old locker to the new locker. The new site is on Highway 99, just north of 196th. The storage is down the hall from the front door. The monthly cost of the new site is \$60 a month after a special 3-month introductory fee.

Jim suggested, and the Board agreed, that we dispose of some items which were no longer used. The slow cooker was to be offered at the General Meeting for \$10 (then Goodwill if not taken) while the lemonade pitchers and the iced tea makers would be for free (then Goodwill).

Governing Documents

The Board reviewed the changes to the SKSR Policies and Procedures to which Jim added an ADA statement, and to the SKSR Scholarship Fund By-laws, in which it was decided to remove the statement about directing the use of remaining SKSR scholarship money in event of SKSR unit's dissolution. The board approved both changes. The voting on the changes to all our governing documents will take place at the February General Meeting.

Jim announced that Mary Ann Harvey (Sno-Isle) had passed away.

Service Project

Lynda Hughes will try to arrange our service project with Nourishing Networks for the month of March (not 2nd or 3rd Thursday).

Monthly Responsibilities Sheet

The Monthly Responsibilities Sheet was revised. There was a discussion of where a list of day-of preparation duties (e.g., centerpieces) of a monthly meeting chair should appear. Should it be attached to this document or someplace else for easy access by any new chair. It was decided that it would be separate.

Meeting was adjourned to prepare for the General Meeting and luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McElliott,
Acting Secretary