

Nov 2025 General Meeting

Shoreline Conference Center

24 Attendees

After a luncheon of Parnita's sour cream almond chicken, mashed potatoes, garden salad, and cookies, Jim welcomed everyone and introduced himself as SKSR President.

SSD Superintendent Susana Reyes gave her annual update on the status of the SSD. She also spoke about the upcoming 2026 operations levy and an accompanying technology levy.

Lynda Hughes introduced the main speaker Kristopher Jones from Living Voices. He presented a one-man multimedia performance of "Journey from the Dust" about one young man's experiences following the Black Tuesday Stock Market Crash in 1929 through the following calamities of the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. A discussion followed.

Afterwards, Jim read a copy of a letter that member Geralyn Shreve, age 92, had sent him in which she shared her remembrances as a small child living through the Great Depression and move to the Yakima Valley.

Jim then presented the proposed SKSR 2025-26 budget for approved. Tom Hawkins proposed the budget be accepted and Pat Cornwell seconded the proposed. The motion passed.

Jim reminded everyone that the SKSR Board is still looking for someone to take over responsibilities for the health column in the bi-monthly *Bulletin* now that Robin Randles has resigned. Bruce Caldwell will write the Jan/Feb article.

Jim read a legislative report from Emmett Mills. Based on SPCC's study of the legality of the various bills proposing redistribution of the LEOFF 1 pension overage, it appears that SB5085, the bill favored by WSSRA to pay off the PRS1 and TRS1 pension liability and fund an automatic COLA,

would have the greatest likelihood of be approved by the IRS. However, he warned that if this bill were to pass, the process to make the COLA an actuality would still probably take at least another year.

Jim announced the dates for upcoming SKSR events in February and March. He offered the SKSR slow cooker for \$10 since it is no longer used at the annual picnic. Then he conducted a raffle.

Finally, Jim asked for assistance in cleaning up the room and dismissed the group.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McElliott, Acting Secretary