

## **SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 10, 2005**

Alice Bingaman called the meeting to order in Edmonds ESC at 1:10 PM. Members present were Barbara Berg, Alice Bingaman, Ellie Bonanno, Dale Hanberg, Bob Jones, Rachel Lake, Betty Odle, Ed Orsborn, Virg Rayton, Rita Requa, Carol Robinson and Winnie Smith.

The minutes of the October 13, 2005 were approved as corrected. Dick Sacksteder will be working on membership in the Northshore District with Virg Rayton.

In Donna Murrish absence, Betty Odle reported the current checking account balance is \$6,878.03 with a scholarship fund balance of \$911.93. Fifty-nine Entertainment Books have been sold so far this year.

Dale Hanberg reported that the Lewis and Clark program is all set for November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM in the Shoreline Center. He and Ed Orsborn have contacted all of the Shoreline Schools regarding this presentation. After a discussion it was decided to try and get printed information to the Edmonds and Northshore principals and not rely on public announcements or word of mouth. Rachel Lake volunteered to work on this project.

Because of the possibility of road problems the Lewis and Clark speaker plans to arrive in Seattle November 16<sup>th</sup> and requested two (2) nights lodging. Rachel moved, seconded by Bob, to pay for two (2) nights lodging for the guest speaker. Motion passed.

Rachel moved and Betty seconded to display the Sno-King Information board with membership materials and a donation box at the November 17<sup>th</sup> program. Motion passed. Virg and Bob will be in charge of setting up the display in a location to encourage educators to pick up information and join our organization. Ellie volunteered to make a sign for the donation box.

MEMBERSHIP: Virg thanked Barb for her effort in creating a very attractive display board to attract interest in the organization. GOOD JOB BARB!!

During a presentation Rachel and Ed were making to the Shoreline principals, the superintendent presented Rachel with his membership application and endorsed the organization. Virg has contacted all Shoreline principals and has been asked to be on the agenda at one school's faculty meetings November 16<sup>th</sup>. Dick Sacksteder and a volunteer will do the presentation since Virg is not available. Rachel may be able to attend with Dick.

SUNSHINE: Winnie reported she didn't know of any sunshine needs at this time.

LEGISLATURE: Rachel handed out a condensed version of the latest "Legislative Insights" from Leslie Main at WSSRA Headquarters. She stressed the necessity for all members to become involved by contacting the Legislature to express frustration because members have lost 40 to 60% of their purchasing power. She especially recommends letters to the Governor and to Helen Sommers, Budget writer for the House. The AGO indicated that Gain Sharing is not a contractual right. The Legislature reserves the right to change the RCW but does not have to.

For in-depth information refer to the SCPP's internet web site at <http://leg.wa.gov/scpp>

Virg suggested that a human-interest story about the hardship purchasing power loss has caused many of our retired school employees be compiled and sent to Robert Mak, KING 5 for investigation.

DIRECTORY: Ellie suggested a committee be appointed in February to begin selling ads or getting donations to fund the printing of the 2006-2008 SNO-KING School Retirees Membership Directory.

PROGRAM: Alice will chair the program on November 17<sup>th</sup> with Dale introducing the guest speaker. Ed has AARP fraud information and Medicare, Plan D information available for attendees to pick up.

Betty Odle's brother will be the guest speaker at the February meeting.

WSSRA BOARD: Rita reported the veteran's history project has been cut back so participants can simply tell their story. The stories will be compiled and presented at the 2006 Convention. This project is not connected to the Library of Congress.

The WSSRA is experiencing a tight budget and feel it is necessary to reduce spending. Suggested reductions: (a) No longer include the Immediate Past President on the Executive Board. (b) Reduce the Representative Assembly Task Force by one third. (c) When a meeting convenes at or after 1:00 PM lodging will be provided for the night following the meeting. For meetings that adjourn after 2 PM, one night's lodging will be reimbursed only to Board members and committee members who drive more than 150 miles each way to attend the meeting. (d) Abolish the following five committees with issues concerning these areas to be handled by task forces. Communications - Community Services - Member Services - Retirement Planning (place with Membership) - Education

NW-1 meets January 9, 2006 and if you have input on any of these reductions let Rita know.

GRANTS AND EDUCATION: Rita said the decision to award grants to all applicants this year was a decision made by Ellie and Alice, co-presidents. Virg requested written procedures for grants be developed and presented to the Board for approval. Ed moved and Betty seconded to table the discussion at this time and discuss it at the next meeting. Motion passed.

RETIREMENT: Bob announced the Retirement Planning Workshop is scheduled for the Wednesdays in March 2006. Four districts have joined together to assure enough participants to be eligible for a speaker from the State. The actual schedule will be announced later.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: If you know of any veterans with stories to tell contact Bob for the guideline form to help compile the story. The Sno-King web site is up and running. Check it out at: <http://www.sksr.org>

The board must decide on a community project for this year. One suggestion was to call the Lewis and Clark Expedition program the community project. Rita told of another possible project as she has received a request from the Director of Special Education, for the Shoreline School District stating there are 5-7 kids in SE who are wards of the state. These students are very developmentally delayed and the district needs a surrogate for each child. The requirements are: to attend the IEP meeting and make sure the child's needs are met for the IEP. The district will meet with interested individuals and describe what is needed before assigning surrogates.

OLD BUSINESS: Betty has shirts for sale at \$10.00.

The Executive Director, Ed Gonion will be invited to the Scholarship Luncheon meeting in April.

NEW BUSINESS: Several members brought up the need to find raffle items beside wine. Items can be donated or purchased at a reasonable price. Rachel moved and Rita seconded the board buy 2 tickets from Ticket Master for X dollars for a raffle. Motion passed

Dates to remember:

November 17	November meeting – Shoreline Center
November 18	News to Pearl Miller
January 9, 2006	NW-1 meeting in Mount Vernon
January 15, 2006	News deadline (8:00 AM)
January 31, 2006	Bulletin Folding (9:30 AM) - room 102
February 9, 2006	Board meeting – room 102
No bulletin or meetings in December, 2005 or January, 2006	

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Carol Robinson, Secretary