

Sno-King School Retirees
Executive Board Meeting
November 10, 2010

Those present: Cheryl Bauer, Erma Snook, Alice Bingaman, Gordon Bowers, Rita Requa, Betty Odle, Virg Rayton, Ellie Bonanno, Barbara Berg, Linda Fitzgerald, Evie Nordeen, Roberta Hawkins, and Jim Siscoel

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Co-President Erma Snook. (Rachel was ill, on antibiotics, and unable to attend even though she'd done the prep work for the meeting.) Erma led us in the flag salute.

Secretary's Report: Alice Bingaman moved we approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Murrish passed out the budget report. The directory costs included \$1594 for the directory itself, \$128 for the envelopes to mail them in, and approximately \$400 for the postage. We did go over budget on the bulletin. There is still a payment to come from Marilyn Irwin for the add she placed again this year. The cost for a full page is \$300. We will try to give her some recognition at our scholarship luncheon. Glad this is done only every other year.

We have sold about 120 Entertainment Books with a profit at this time of approximately \$850. There have been lots more requests for the bulletin to be emailed to people. There will be no newsletter until the first part of February.

Donna has been alerted of another change with the post office. More info as she finds out about it. Alice Bingaman moved we accepted the report as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WSSRA Board: Rita reported that in a couple of years, there may be a possible dues increase.

Bulletin and Directory Mailing: We can keep both the spiral and folded copies of the directory.

Health and Health Bowl: Gordon reported on several different articles about dysphagia (swallowing issues). As we get older, this is a more common issue. There will also be an article in the bulletin about CT scans, and their ability to detect problems ahead of time.

Erma reported that there nine people who participated in the Health Bowl. They walked a total of 2147 with what she has had reported to her so far.

Grants: As of today, there were 26 applicants requesting \$5007. Virg passed around a sign up sheet for those interested in helping with the final selection. Those interested will meet on Nov. 19 @ 9:00 AM at the fireplace part of the Food Court at the Alderwood Mall. He also passed around a sign up sheet asking people to help present those grants.

Legislation: Ellie asked our comments on the election. Mostly, we were glad it was over. The Legislative Session will be January 10 – April 24. The Legislative Committee meets in Olympia on Feb. 9 & 10 and on March 23 & 24. The theme for this year is to Preserve and Protect. Preserve our pensions and protect our health benefits. Plans 2 & 3 are fully funded, while Plan 1 is not. Ellie asked if it would be appropriate to bring up the telephone tree at the scholarship luncheon. Rita will talk about it briefly, and there will be a sign up sheet as people leave the luncheon.

Scholarship: Linda reported that forms will be available in the high school in January with a March deadline for being turned in. She will then call together the members of the committee from last year to see if they will be available to help determine the recipients.

Hazel Miller Foundation: Evie had to start the process all over again even though she had filled out forms before. As part of her role with the alumni Association, Linda has met with the foundation committee. She did put in a good word in for us. They want to give their scholarships to Edmonds and South Snohomish County recipients. That may hurt our chances a little. They propose to give to-give

\$20,000 for the five high schools in Edmonds and one \$5000 scholarship to an outstanding student at large. The foundation committee will meet again in December. Hopefully, at that time we will find something out.

Membership: Rita was especially thankful to Jim Sisco and his efforts to get new members. Rita and Ted and Marilyn Dauer are splitting up the elementaries in Edmonds and hoping to talk to the staffs at a faculty meeting.

RRU Reset: Roberta reported that they have held three meetings so far. They are making some progress, although it is a very big task. They are trying to make the structure and framework of our organization and By Laws more efficient. The attempt is to ^{revise} the By Laws them reflect what we actually do. There is updating of language and other changes. They are looking at the issue of quorums, committees and many other areas. We need to fill out and return our committee report forms so they can have that information to work from. One proposal they'd like to suggest is have a link for retired people with the districts. It would be useful to have a link to district websites on our website. It was suggested that the communication person within each district be contacted and asked to supply information of importance which could be put in the bulletin as space allowed. Roberta will try to contact the Information Officer Liaison and ask them to send items to Dave for the newsletter.

Sunshine: Evie sent a sympathy card to the family of Gordon Roberts and the family of Linda Belz, a get well card to Corky Christensen, and a friendship/encouragement card to Bob Jones.

OLD BUSINESS:

November Scholarship Potluck: Betty requested help with set up. A sign up sheet was passed around and people were asked to sign up if they hadn't already. Erma passed out a pieces of paper with a few names of people asking that we call them and invite them to the luncheon. Right now there are not too many people signed up. We will have a group called Lori Hansen's Pickled Herring group there to entertain us. We will charge \$5.00 if they bring food and \$7.00 if they don't. Don't forget a canned food item for the food drive. Raffle donations are still needed.

Website Update: Rita went through line by line and sent corrections and updates to Erma who then sent them on to Bob Jones. Check out the site at SKSR.org.

Committee Report Forms: There are some of us who shall remain unnamed who still need to turn them in. Need I say more?!

Memorial Fund: We had said that we would revisit this area of the budget when we reached \$500. We have now done that. The question becomes should we continue to contribute \$50 when a member dies (as a memorial) to the scholarship fund. We take this money out of the general fund. Rita moved, and it was seconded that we continue to contribute \$50. Discussion followed with questions about whether we would run out of money in the general fund. The motion did pass.

Sing-a-long and Cookie Fest: This event will be December 8 at the Ad Center from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring six cookies in six separate plastic bags if you wish to partake in the cookie exchange.

February Brightwater Meeting: Rita has arranged with Aaron Feik to have us tour the Brightwater facility in Bothell on February 17. More information will be coming out in the bulletin.

Legislative Card: Ellie will check with Rachel to see how she wants to do it this this year. Last time it was folded and put in the bulletin.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Bauer