

SHO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

Those Present: Virg Rayton, Erma Snook, Rachel Lake, Jim Siscel, Roberta Hawkins, Evie Nordeen, Betty Odle, Alice Bingaman, and Cheryl Bauer.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Rachel. Erma led us in the flag salute.

Secretary's Report:

Virg moved, and it was seconded, that we approve the minutes of the July 9, 2010, meeting and the August 11, 2010, retreat. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Donna was not here, but Betty brought her report. Donna was pleased because she and the bank finally balanced after they found the missing check. YEH! A copy of her report will be attached to the minutes. We now have \$1228.10 in the Contingency Fund. There is still one high school scholarship and one from the Winnie Smith Fund yet to be paid. Jim Siscel moved, and it was seconded, that we go with \$50 per memorial until the budget of \$500 is spent. We will review this amount again as it gets near the \$500 mark. The motion passed.

Scholarship Finance Report:

We now have \$149,548.89 in the account at Edward Jones. We did renew one of the CD's for a measly .40 per cent. Part of the problem was the amount, and the need to be able to access that money in a year. A withdrawal of \$4800 was made to pay the scholarships for the coming year.

REPORTS:

1. Grants:

Although Virg felt there was a need for changes to the application process, he and Rita decided not to make it harder for teachers to apply. It just is easier for all this way. He was very glad we'd decided to keep the amount for total grants at \$4000. He has already received one application. Both Virg and Rita have their email addresses available in the bulletin and on-line at the SKSR website.

2. Sunshine:

Evie reported that she'd sent many cards this past period. Thinking of you and/or get well cards were sent to Kristin Galante, Bob Jones and Betty Yorina. Sympathy cards were sent to Mrs. Teddy Greenwalt, the family of Jo Masney, the family of Krisin Galante, the family of Helen Beaneis, Linda Fitzgerald, and Gordon Bowers.

3. Health:

- We are doing the Health Bowl again this year starting on September 18. We are not doing it through WSSRA, but will register with the state. Information will be passed out at the September 16 luncheon.

4. Membership:

No report from Rita at this time.

5. Legislation (PAC endorsements):

No report from Ellie at this time.

- The PAC committee has met trying to decide which candidates to endorse according the criteria that had been sent out. Further information will be coming from Rachel.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. On Line Bulletin:

Those of us receiving the bulletin on-line commented on how well it was done and the fun of seeing the pictures in color. Great job done by Dave Johnson as usual.

2. Benefit Fairs:

Discussed the value of doing this as it has been slow and not too much business. Decided it was a non cost item, we'd hate to lose our spot, keeps us visible at public events, and people enjoying seeing old friends. Next year we will try to have the executive board meeting on a non benefits fair day.

3. Programs:

Our first program is the luncheon at O'Donnell's on September 16 @ 12:00. We are to check in, order our food, and then there will be a brief meeting while the food is being prepared.

Rachel reported that the Sisters in Harmony will not be able to come to the November meeting because of work commitments. So we are back to the drawing board. Suggestions included: Goodwill Fashion Show again, contacting various music programs at the schools, search for information person @ each school district. Rachel will try to get on their email list.

Our Holiday sing-a-long and cookie fest is still planned for December 9

February program is to be some kind of issue. The person from AARP we'd hoped to get can't come at that time. Erma discussed the info she'd gotten from Floral Hills and was waiting for them to return the call. Other ideas included: decluttering, someone else from AARP, someone from AAA about traveling, U of W doctor on back problems or some other health issue.

4. Directory:

The news on the directory is not very encouraging. Cost continues to be an issue. This is usually done in November, and Bruce Caldwell is willing to help us. Discussed the idea of having updates for the directory and adding those each year without doing a full directory. Alice Bingaman moved, and it was seconded, that we bring the directory issue up at the next general meeting which will be the Sept. 16 luncheon and get a feel from the membership. Discussion followed and the motion passed. It will be suggested that we do a full directory this year and use inserts with new members for the next 2 -5 years. Erma will check with the print shop at the Edmonds School District to see if they can do the directory for less than the bids she now has. It was suggested that 50 of the directories be spiral bound for use by board members and the rest be stapled. This will save on costs.

5. Validation of Officers:

The slate of officers needs to be approved at a general meeting. This will be done at the September 16 meeting.

6. 2009-2010 Report Forms:

Many of us still need to run these forms in to Erma. We have until the end of November.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NW 1 Coordinating Council meeting sign up:

Going to Mt. Vernon on October 11 @ 9:30 from our unit will be: (for sure at this time)

Erma, Betty, Donna, Alice and Rachel.

2. Web Update:

There is lots of information here that needs updating including the roster of officers. If have or know of changes that need to be made, please let Erma know.

3. Organization Updating:

Roberta Hawkins will head a sub group to look at and update our by laws. We want to make sure that our by laws are in compliance with WSSRA and with AARP. Our by laws also need to reflect who we are, and what we are currently doing. Roberta will use the theme of Review-Reconsider-Reset to help her in this job. At this time the committee consists of Roberta and Alice with Rachel and Erma as Ad Hoc members. Please let Roberta know if you are interested in serving on this committee. Rachel

would like to see a presentation in January with updates at each board meeting. Possibly it could go before the general membership at the February meeting.

4. Good of the Order:

Erma shared that she'd received information from Chinese American Cultural Bridge Center about a proposed trip to China on March 14-28 for approximately \$4000. If interested, talk to Erma. 5.

5. AARP at the Northgate Office has offered to shred personal and financial paper documents on Sept.14, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by, Cheryl Bauer