

Meeting done via Zoom

Attendees: Acting Chair Jim Siscel, Vice-President Roberta Hawkins, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Tom Hawkins, Barb Bumgardner, Linda Fitzgerald, Keith Lindaas, Karen McElliott, Robin Randles, Rita Requa, Erma Snook

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Erma volunteered to write the retreat article for the upcoming *Bulletin*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Adoption of minutes — A motion was made and seconded to accept the emailed minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer — Tom reported the SKSR checking account balance as of August 31 was \$35,628.28. The SKSR scholarship savings account balance was \$11,215.91. The SKSR Investment account at Edward R Jones was \$69,328.79. The previous month's interest was \$2,433.33. The Winnie Smith Edward R Jones account had \$152,293.46. The income for this period was \$5,708.13. He withdrew \$8,000 from the SKSR Scholarship account so that the scholarship monies could be sent. He also withdrew \$28,500 from the Winnie Smith account to cover those checks. There has been \$171,600 spent from the Winnie Smith account on scholarships from the inception of the account in 2009. Jim went over the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 year.

Finance — Cheryl met via email with the Finance committee this summer. One of the topics of discussion was the movement of \$6,000 from the SKSR Savings account to the SKSR Edward R Jones account. They recommended this move.

Legislative update — Jim has received information from Tim Knoph that will be emailed to the membership before the upcoming General Election with WSSRA endorsed candidates.

Membership — Jim reported that we currently have 1,421 members, the same number that we had last year. We have 9 pending memberships. The annual calendar is normally given out to individuals who attend the general meetings. The mailing of those calendars due to the COVID 19 situation was discussed. Jim offered to contact the 75 who normally get the calendar to see if they are interested in receiving it via mail.

Educator grants — This was covered under new business.

Health — Donna has provided one more article for the Bulletin. Robin asked what the job entailed. After hearing that she volunteered to be the chair. She will be talk with Donna to gain insight.

Scholarships — Linda reported that she had written an article for the Bulletin in which she talked about the recipients' plans for this coming year. She will contact them again in January to see how they are faring. Keith read a thank you note from Joanna Schroder. Thirteen students are all going to school.

Sunshine — ~~She~~ Barb asked that if anyone hears of someone who could use some Sunshine to give her a call. I read the thank you from Jeanne Bray for the donation made in her husband Roger's name. From May to September Barb sent the following cards: a sympathy card to the family of Edward McKnight, a birthday card to Evie Nordeen (90), cards and Amazon gift cards to the retiring superintendents from Edmonds and Northshore, thinking-of- you card to Evie Nordeen, a get well card to Alan Burke, WSSRA executive director, she wished Rita Requa well on her upcoming surgery, delivered a lovely orchid and card to Rita after her surgery, a sympathy card to Mrs. Jacqueline Lusier in memory of her husband, Lorne, a sympathy card to the family of Barbara Thumlert, a sympathy card to Jeanne Bray in memory of her husband, Roger, a thinking of you card to Gil Snook, a sympathy card to Julie, wife of James Stever, a sympathy card to Alice Rundle in memory of her husband, Clay, a caring card to Tom Hayes, and a caring card to Marlene Kristensen.

Records — Erma reported that she sent 1094 Bulletins by email and 337 through the US mail. The cost of printing has gone up and that has been noted in the upcoming budget.

Website — Jim reported that as he gets information, he adds it to the website. WSSRA has sent a pamphlet on ~~the~~ “Women Who ~~have~~ Made a Difference in Washington”. In addition, they sent a pamphlet titled “Community Service”, a report on the Community Service hours that members across the state have spent over the last year. Roberta will request a digital copy that Jim can put that on the website and will be noted it in the Bulletin.

Bulletin — no report

Handouts for notebooks — These were emailed to all Board members.

Proposed 2020 - 2021 budget— Jim went over the costs. As mentioned before the cost of printing significantly increased in the May/June printing as has the cost of printing the 40 copies of the Directory, so that cost has been increased. The budget will need to be approved by the board and then submitted for approval to the membership. How to do that was discussed. Per our by-laws it will need to be voted on at the next general meeting. Because that meeting will probably not happen before February at the earliest, there will be an article in the next Bulletin to present and explain the budget. Jim will write the article.

Proposed calendar — It was decided that there will be no general meetings until after the new year. However, there will be Board meetings. The next board meeting will be October 8 at 1pm via Zoom. We had discussion and a vote on the speaker for the Humanities Washington February general meeting, which will be held virtually. Roberta will contact the speaker for this event. She will talk with both the Humanities group and WSSRA about how to handle this for a large group. Barb will contact Virg about the Kids in Transition service project. The October NW-1 report for the Bulletin will be done by Rita. Roberta will write the President’s column for the Nov/Dec Bulletin. Erma will do the January one. Karen will keep checking with the Asian Art Museum as to the possibility of a field trip there in March.

Monthly responsibilities list was covered during the calendar discussion.

Educator Grants — Karen reported that Northshore will now take a single check as Edmonds and Shoreline are currently doing. There were 4 grants that could not be completed last year including delivery problems.

All materials need to be delivered to a district site. Teachers should consider this when applying. They also need to be aware that most likely tax may be charged and applicants should take that into account. Discussion followed about how to present the checks. We are hoping that the district will acknowledge the grant via Zoom meetings and their newsletters. She had earlier emailed out a paper for us to think about. We discussed each item. First, should we go ahead and offer a grant possibility. It was decided that we would. Discussion followed about what would/should be funded. It was decided that it would still need to meet our criteria from years past. It was decided that there would be no adjustment to the timeline. We also discussed the importance that the non-consumable items be that are dispersed and need to be recovered so that they remain with the school.

Scholarship Funds — A vote was taken to follow the Finance Committee recommendation to move \$6,000 from the SKSR Scholarship Savings account to the SKSR Scholarship Edward Jones account. Motion passed with Tom abstaining.

Active Membership Scholarship — Everyone agreed that this was a good idea but that it needed a lot of fleshing out to be enacted. It was moved to table the idea for now although the monies for it will be left in the budget.

NW-1 District Zoom attendees — As of this meeting, Rita, Jim, Erma, Roberta, Tom and Jan plan on attending.

Possible by-laws change if SKSR disbands — Jim talked with Alan Burke at WSSRA about this. We have nothing in our by-laws to cover it. Jim will continue discussion with WSSRA as to proper way to correct our by-laws.

Contact Legislators — Jim had sent out a questionnaire before the primary and got little response. After the election he will publish the names and contact information for the legislators that would be of interest to our membership. This information will be put on the website and an insert will be put in the Jan/Feb Bulletin.

New Blood - This continues to be a need for our Board. We should reach out when possible. The idea of publicizing our Zoom meetings to get interest was considered.

Approve Budget — The Budget was approved as amended by the Board. The next step is to present the budget to the membership at the first general meeting in 2021 for approval.

See agenda for who is to write which Bulletin articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, secretary