SKSR Board Meeting, Edmonds ESC Feb 13, 2025

Attendees: Jennifer Altena (treasurer), Deby Comfort, Linda Fitzgerald, Lynda Hughes, Karen McElliott (acting secretary), Jim Siscel, and Cathy Webb (vice president)

Cathy Webb called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Adoption of Minutes of January 2025 Board Meeting – A motion was made to adopt the minutes; the motion was seconded and passed. Several members stated that they were unable to open the Pages format that Jan uses for the minutes; Jim said that he would convert pages into Word for pc users and send out.

REPORTS

Treasurer – Jennifer reported that the WA Federal checking account has a balance of $37,482.12 and that SKSR has received $19,463.45 from WSSRA since January. The WA Federal SKSR scholarship savings account has $8,044.58, the Edward Jones scholarship investment fund $114,022.76, and the Winnie Smith account $90,910.64.

Legislative – Jim read a recent message from Emmett Mills about the status of Bill 5085. Deby, who had attended some zoom sessions with her legislators, talked about the importance of using the term "generational funding" when talking about the three Plan 1 pensions (i.e., LEOFF1, PERS1, and TRS1) with legislators.

Membership – Jim reported that currently SKSR has 1,375 members; this is up three members from last year; there are another 18 members pending. We've added about 36 new members since fall. Jim also reported that he had sent out membership materials (at a cost of about $100) to 105 new retirees in our three districts; he received one response. Because of the poor response, he will not be doing this in the future; instead, we will rely on the state-wide mailing that Michele makes to new retirees.

Educator Grants – Karen reported that there are 3 grant presentations still pending. The 12 presentations to date have garnered SKSR 27 new active members. Karen passed around photos of (Cascade K-8) Janet Markwardt's students and the books that chosen for her grant. The students wrote thank you notes to the SKSR Board.

Scholarships – Linda Fitzgerald said that the scholarship information has been delivered to the high schools as well as local media. Applications are due Mar. 18; the committee will meet Mar. 26.

Sunshine – Barb Bumgardner sent a sympathy card to the family of Sharon Schoenauer on Feb. 5.

Records – Deby reported that SKSR has 25 pending members. There was a discussion about Michele including UUs in her report; these are retirees that have never been members of WSSRA. The board agreed with Deby and Jim that we should ignore those reported as UU.

Website – The website is current except for posting grant presentation photos.

Bulletin – Articles for the upcoming issue are due today; several members said their articles would be ready after decisions made at today's board meeting. Jo has requested that the due date for articles for the next *Bulletin* be Wed., Apr. 9.

BUSINESS

Humanities Washington Update – Linda Lee has seen to the tech and room set up for Feb. 21. Cathy will be responsible for cookies, coffee, tea, water, et al. Set up at 11:30. The speaker has been asked to be there by 12:15. Program: 12:30 ESD superintendent with update, speaker, brief meeting if necessary.

Cascadia Art Museum Field Trip Update – Karen stated the field trip is still scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 20, 11:00. Cost of $9 for senior. Jennifer will send out an announcement email/request for RSVPs on Feb. 19; the same information will be printed in the *Bulletin*. Deadline for response is March 12.

Recruitment of Email Person – Jim reported that he is still working on finding a person.

Retirement Seminars – Jim confirmed who will be assisting at the SKSR table. He will also update the info on the SKSR tri-fold display board.

Wellness Fair Wed Apr 16, 11:30-6:30, ESD – Jim and Cathy will attend.

April 10 Luncheon – Jim has confirmed the speaker Lora Hein, first backpacking ranger with the US Forest Service (and afterwards, Northshore Uniserv Rep). $200 honorarium. Shoreline Center. Lunch

will feature chicken parmesan. Jim will bring water, cookies, and potted plants as table centerpieces. Lynda Hughes will check that we have enough plates, napkins, tablecloths, etc. Jim will invite the SSD superintendent to attend as an SKSR member, not as a guest.

March 3 NW Meeting – Cathy, Jim and Karen are planning to attend the meeting in Mount Vernon.

Convention Jun 2-4 Yakima – Jim will buy wine for the PAC's auction at the Convention. Cathy said that she would spearhead the process to nominate Jim for (Patrick Hoban Meritorious Award). Jennifer, Cathy, Jim, Karen and Dave McElliott, and ? Deby Comfort are planning to attend the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Washington Kids in Transition – Lynda asked for clarification about the process. She will make contact. Pat Cornwell may be willing to help. Jim will bring the donation box to the next several meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McElliott (Acting Secretary)