SKSR Board Meeting January 9, 2025

Attendees: Vice President Cathy Webb, Secretary Jan Phillips, Treasurer Jennifer Altena, Deby Comfort, Linda Fitzgerald, Lynda Hughes, Linda Lee, Karen McElliott, Jim Siscel

Acting Chair Jim Siscel called the meeting to order at 10:12. We stood and joined him in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes — It was moved and seconded to adopt the corrected minutes for the November 14, 2024, SKSR Board meeting. Motion passed. It was moved and seconded to adopt the SKSR General Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Deby compared our Directory and Membership lists. She is using the information that Erma Snook had provided on how to handle these two lists.

Treasurer — Jennifer reported that we have a balance of $33,877.32 in our WaFd checking account. As of December, our income from the monthly WSSRA dues for the year is $17,378.45. Our total expenses for this fiscal year is $39,347.74. We have $7,994.58 in the SKSR Scholarship Savings account. There is $111,512.71 in the Scholarship Investment account with Edward Jones. The Winnie Smith Account has $88,535.68 in it.

Legislative — Jim talked about the email we have received from Tim Knopf about joining Tim in talking with our legislators. It helps if there are constituents from the legislators' respective districts when talking to them.

Membership — Jim reported that we have 1,357 members, down 9 from last month. But we also have 11 pending membership applications.

Grants — Karen reported that she has contacted the principals and superintendents about our fiscal expectations for the grants. She has asked that the news of the grants be included in the Bulletins to the district offices. Through this program we have gained 8 new members in the last 2 months.

Health — Robin will continue to supply a new article to the Bulletin.

Scholarships — Linda Fitzgerald said the forms are ready to go out in the next couple of weeks. Keith will send our current recipients the requirements for

extending the Winnie Smith Scholarship. We have a student who will be returning from taking a gap year. The scholarship applications are due March 15.

Sunshine — Barb reported that she sent: on 12/8 a sympathy card to the family of Lorraine Corrington, on 12/8 a sympathy card to the family of Rosalie Francisco, on 12/8 a sympathy card to the family of Sharon Ridge, on 12/8 a sympathy card to the family of Penelope Wood and on 1/7/25 she sent a sympathy card to the family of Peter Breysse.

Records — Deby got some ideas about dealing with our records from the WSSRA membership meeting she just attended. She will be checking online for retirees from the districts.

Website — Jim has been keeping it up to date.

Bulletin — No report

November Luncheon — Lynda Hughes was disappointed that more individuals did not attend. She is recommending that we use that program for some of the other luncheons.

December 12th Board Lunch Report — Cathy said the luncheon was relaxing and fun. We agreed

Humanities Washington — Linda Lee has sent out press announcements to the local media. It was clarified as to who to send to and what information should be sent. It is happening February 20th. We will have coffee, water and cookies available. It was announced that the program, UFO, How Washington State spawned The Men in Black at 1:00pm. The membership meeting will begin at noon. The

Field Trip — Karen told us the trip is on March 20th, and we will go to the Cascade Museum in Edmonds. It is a pay on the day arrangement and if a person is a member, there is no charge. We will probably be broken into 2 groups. She will put a notice in the Bulletin.

N W 1 District — Jim reported that SKSR had more attendees than any other group. He read Emmett Wills report about combining all the state pension

plans. He also reported that WSSRA is proposing that an emergency response plan for group activities be adopted.

Recruitment of Email Person — Jim has been in contact with someone and is working to fill the position.

Retirement Seminars — Jim said that the seminars will be held the last Thursday in February and the first 2 Thursdays in March. The times are 4:30 - 6 and 6 - 8. He needs help at all of them.

Bulletin folding — There were 5 volunteers for the January folding. We discussed having the printer fold them but decided not to do that at this time.

Scholarship Records — The question is how long we need to keep all the records and information on the applicants. Linda moved that we keep scholarship records for the current recipients and 3 years prior. The motion was seconded. She clarified that she meant the current Scholarship and Winnie Smith recipients and 3 years prior. The motion passed.

General discussion – Linda Lee reported that Sharon Schoenauer passed away in December. Linda Fitzgerald reported that Bruce Caldwell has had ankle replacement surgery and Jim commented that Jo Caldwell has had to wear a brace on her wrist.

Bulletin articles: Due February 13th or earlier
A. Board message — Cathy
B Legislative — Jim
C. Health — Robin
D. Member Changes/Deaths — Deby
E. Scholarship — Linda/Keith
F. Cascade Museum field trip — Karen

Meeting adjourned at 11:31am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips
Secretary