SKSR General Meeting Picnic July 17, 2024

Location Edmonds City Park

Meet and Greet 11:30 - 12:00 — 36 attendees

At noon, Jim asked everyone to be seated so that we could hand out the box lunches.

At 12:45, he asked if they were happy with their meal. The consensus was yes.

He then introduced Peter Dietrich, the new WSSRA Executive Director. Peter introduced the new Legislative Coordinator, Emmett Mills. Peter has been in the job for 3 weeks. Alan Burke, retired executive director, will still be involved. They are working on a legislative push to get Plan 1 COLA along a with funding option passed. Jim reminded everyone of the importance of writing to our legislators.

Jim introduced Emmett Mills, Legislative Coordinator. Emmett reminded everyone to vote on November 5 and how important it is to elect our friends. He also encouraged everyone to donate to the PAC.

Jim reminded us that Tim Knopf is our legislative contact for WSSRA District 1.

Candidates for next year's officers were nominated — Vice President - Cathy Webb, Secretary - Jan Phillips, Treasurer - Jennifer Altena. Contact person will be Jim Siscel. The slate was accepted as presented. Peter then installed the officers for 2024-2025.

Jim asked Rita Requa to come forward. The Unit recommended Rita for Honorary membership. The state accepted the nomination. We have 6 other members. Honorary membership means that the person has been active in the unit and has reached the magic age of 90.

Cathy introduced Jan Link. Jan is putting together a program called Learning Lab in Mukilteo for this next year. Anyone interested in this should contact Jan Link. Cathy will have a meeting July 29 at 1 pm at the Lynnwood Library to discuss ideas for us to do for next year. She told the

audience that Erma has been working as Membership Records Coordinator and records keeper and is retiring in August. She invited members to come to the retreat in August to learn more.

Jim announced that Lynda Hughes will be next year's WA Kids in Transition chair. Linda Lee will be the chair who is responsible of arranging the February speaker who in the past has been associated with WA Humanities.

Jim commented that we cannot operate without a Membership Records Coordinator.

Jim then introduced Karen McElliott. Karen talked about the grants program where we give up to $300 to active teachers and others who are involved in education. This year we gave $9,500 to 14 different schools in the three districts. Julie Anneberg teaches at Syre and bought lap desks. She said they are used a lot. Laura Baker and Jennifer Phipps, Cedar Way Elementary, took a group of students, many of whom had never been to a live theater, to see Jack and the Beanstalk. Leann Onishi, teacher at Cedar Way, bought Junior Learning Books which has a vast span of reading levels.

Jim closed the meeting with a comment to watch for fall activities in the Bulletin coming out in October. He also mentioned the Retreat and invited individuals to come. The Retreat will be at Lynndale Elementary from 9 - 1. If they wished to come, they should call him to have a lunch ordered for them.

He then thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 1:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary