SKSR Board Meeting October 10, 2024

Attendees: Jim Siscel Acting Chair, Cathy Webb, Vice President, Jennifer Altena treasurer, Jan Phillips Secretary, Linda Fitzgerald, Lynda Hughes

Jim called the meeting to order at 10:05. He asked us to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes September 2024 — It was moved and seconded to adopt the minutes as amended.

Reports —

Treasurer — Jennifer reported that we had a balance of $45,386.87 in the WAF'D account. Our expenses for this year so far have been $3,434.71. We have received $8,908 in our share of the WSSRA monthly dues. The SKSR School Savings account has a balance of $7,878.87 and the investment account has a balance of $109,610.11. The Winnie Smith Account has a balance of $84,890.04. The interest on the Edward Jones accounts is posted on October 1.

Legislative — Jim reported that the SCPP (state pension board) has voted to have their staff prepare a budget to justify that the Plan 1 COLA become a permanent item. He also told us that WSSRA is advising us to vote NO on three initiatives, # 2109, #2117 and #2124. That recommendation will be in this month's WSSRA Journal.

Membership — We are up 4 this month to 1373 compared to our count last year which was 1357. He sent the video that Deby Comfort had produced to each of our three Superintendents. They all put the video into the staff portal.

Grants — All last year's monies have been accounted for. The slide show has gotten a response. Karen has gotten 12 grant applications so far. She has asked former recipients to post a poster about the grants.

Health. — No report

Scholarships — Linda reported that she and Keith have redone the application form. They will be going to the schools in January.

Sunshine — Barb reported that she had sent a caring card to Frank Kleyn due to medical leave.

Web site — Jim reported that it was up to date.

Bulletin — It was reported that is doing fine. The articles are due October 13.

Grants — as reported earlier the video was sent out to the three District Staff Portals.

Mail Chimp — Jennifer reported that she has set it up and that members will be put into various groups for ease of emailing. We put names on committees that were broken out from the work that Erma did. One was the Email Communicator. This person will be responsible for the emails which tend be a maximum of 5 emails per month. The Bulletin Coordinator will be responsible for distributing the Bulletin which happens 6 times a year.

November Lunch & Speaker Update — Lynda invited us to view a link to a small preview as an enticement to come. The Board meeting will start at 9 am on November 14. Set up for the Luncheon will begin at 11 am. Chicken Teriyaki is the entree with a green salad. The subject of the program is the Japanese interment that happened during World War II. Lunch service will start at noon. Jim will introduce the superintendent at 12:40, anticipating a 15-minute talk. The speaker will start at 1 pm. There will be a meeting and announcements after the speaker.

Humanities — No report

NW 1 — Jim is the Chair/President. There were new faces for Whatcom and Island Counties. It was a good meeting.

May Speaker update — Jennifer has contacted Knute Berger. If we get him we should advertise the luncheon. It was decided in view of the problem with getting Joel Underwood we would take a break from Humanities in WA for the year. The question was asked if we can use Joel Underwood without going through Humanities for WA.

Email to members on election endorsements — Jim reported that the endorsements would be in the Journal so there was no need to send an email. We agreed.

Field trips — Karen sent a report comparing the suggested field trips. She included cost, whether there would be a guided tour, parking and ADA. The Klondike Museum was small. After discussion we paired the choices down to Cascade Art Museum or the Log Haus. Cathy moved that we choose the Cascadia Art Museum for our field trip. Motion was seconded and passed. Karen will arrange time and date

April speaker — Jim needs to contact that person.

May speaker — as earlier discussed Knute Berger from PBS Moss Back will be the speaker. Jennifer will arrange it.

Purchase of new flags — Jim moved that we approve a purchase of both the state and United States flags. It was seconded and after discussion passed.

AMBA Passport — At NW-1 there was discussion about a savings program through AMBA called the Passport. In order to enroll in this program, one needs to call Michelle at the state office. Discounts are good for both actives and retirees. This information will be in the next Bulletin.

Bulletin Articles Due October 13th or earlier

A. Board message — Cathy
B. Legislative - Jim
C. Health - Robin
D. Member Changes/Deaths - Deby
E. November Luncheon - Lynda
F. Scholarship - Linda/Keith

Meeting adjourned at 11:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Phillips, Secretary