

SWHSAA Annual Meeting

Dec. 14, 2011

Present: Susan Calkin Zitka '62; John Hovey '62; Jerry Jensen '52; Lynn Torseth '62; Will Dow '47; Darrel Jones '48; Reidar Ytgard '46; Doreen Brown; Doreen Spencer '41; Judy Jones '42; Bud Jones '39; Bonnie Conkling Pullman '56; Bonna Beitler '59; Shirley Arthur; Pat Hyatt '52; Mike Martin '67; Barbara Ward Thompson '43; Margo J. Sorensen '62; Judy Johnson '71; Joanna Randall Bruno '66.

President Pat Hyatt opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with introductions of all present. She noted that this is her third year as president beginning today. She also commented on the number of folks attending the meeting, and noted the number of amazing people in this group.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Bonna: Asst. Treasurer: 15 people paid for picnic: \$225; 20 paid 2012 dues: \$250; dues paid for 2013-2015: \$30; 6 lifetimes: \$600; 5 donations: \$95; 1 memorial: \$100. total: \$1300.00.

Pat commented about the report from Eric.

We need more volunteers, younger people especially. They would only be asked to do the picnic and plant and bake sale...not a lot of work for volunteers.

Judy Johnson, membership: In late July we get a number of picnic renewers...lots of enthusiastic members who pay ahead. 564 paid members, 151 life members. End of 2010, our year-end total 676 paid members. About 100 shy of last year. The Class with the most paid members: 1952, 33 pd. Class of 60 next. Question: what is the ratio of class members to paid members in that class? SWHS says they don't have that info...might get it from counting pictures in the yearbook.

Need to have an alternate meeting for those who are working so they can get involved. Several alumni who work are interested in helping, but can't attend our afternoon meetings. It was suggested that every other month we have an evening meeting.

Discussion: raising the life membership and the dues, dues to \$15, life membership to \$150? Dues are operating funds; other funds are added to scholarship funds.

Discussion: PayPal and the website, and how these will impact the collection of funds.

Question: did the income cover the mailing for the newsletters?

Setting up website has been done to help with the cost of postage by cutting back on the newsletters. Reidar suggested raising dues to \$20. Life memberships in other organizations are dependent on the age of the person. Suggestion: raise lifetime memberships to \$300. If we increase the Membership dues and Life Memberships, that may decrease the membership

numbers. Bonna: need to look at what we have at the end of the year and see what we have over, and use any surplus for scholarships; that way we would start over for the New Year with a blank slate. Bonna said she likes \$20 and \$200. Judy: lifetime memberships give a permanent association with people, and they may be more apt to give funds to the scholarship fund. Folks can donate monthly using PayPal. Judy suggested a reduced rate for those who graduated 50 years ago or more.

Motion: yearly, \$20, lifetime \$200 starting payments to be made Jan 1, 2013 motion carried.

Newsletter discussion: comments about the newsletter were positive; it was noted that the newsletter will be available on the website when it is live. The hope is that once it is available that way, fewer newsletters will be mailed out, but more folks will read it.

Date for plant and bake sale: Saturday May 5? the weekend before Mother's Day. Motion, seconded, passed. Thompsons will deliver again, need lots of baked goods for the bake sale.

Picnic: Saturday after the 4th not second Saturday of July: 7th .

Requests for classes setting up tents...up to 6 now. Suggested that we charge for the tents about \$25 to put in operating funds? Tents are rented from Party Canopies. No fees for reunion tents by picnic committee. Allowing reunion folks to gather at the picnic increases attendance to the picnic, which is our goal. Charging may cause folks to have their reunions elsewhere...

Installation: Pat, Joanna, Bonna present. Board members named also. Lola installed but not present.

Meeting adjourned and treats served. 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Randall Bruno, secretary pro tem