

**SEDRO-WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**Membership meeting 1:00 p.m. July 25, 2012**  
**Sedro-Woolley Senior Center**

Barbara Thompson, Picnic Chairman opened the meeting.

President, Pat Hyatt, was absent due to surgery so she requested Barbara conduct the meeting which will be the Picnic feedback.

Barbara had gone down to the Riverfront Park on Sunday and our tents were being used by the Car Club people but the field was not full.

We discussed the picnic results by department so we could touch all bases.

Irene Johnson made the comment that the picnic is quite well establish and the community seems to expect it to occur each year.

TENTS: Verne Sims paid for the large tents. Everyone seemed to think the layout of the tents was good. There were eleven class tents. The arrangements of tents looked organized and the tents were closer to the river this year. Judy Johnson thought it would be a good idea to have a map of the class tents posted on the building so people could know where their class is located. If we have more tents next year, we will start a second row.

SOUND SYSTEM: It was suggested that we check the speakers in the morning before the crowd comes. It was almost impossible to hear within the picnic building. We will need to contact Whatcom Sound for help in this next year. May need more speakers. Will need have a retainer for the 2nd Saturday of July. Amount for this charge.... \$200. Lola will contact Eric to pay this charge. The date will be July 13, 2013.

PARKING: The golf transportation for the handicapped people worked well. Les Huggins drove the rented golf cart and Tony Splane drove his golf cart. We wondered if we should have two three seater golf carts next year. This year the golf cart rental fund was sponsored by Garry and Phyllis Evans. Joanna suggested that we have a sign on the side of the golf cart identifying the donor. Lowell Howard is the person to contact for additional carts. One of the riders asked if they could tip...might be a good idea... fund could go to scholarships. Reidar Ytgard felt the golf carts were a good service. Joanna said her husband would help again next year. Mike Martin and Sal Chavez would handle the lower parking.

There was one problem with cars turning around to go back to the lower parking place. Next year we may angle cars in to give more room for turn around. We will need to cut off at the maximum number to be parked on the upper level. This can be done with yellow tape.

GREETERS: It helped having the name tags passed out at the foot of the sidewalk. People were checked again for name tags at the beginning of the registration line.

CATERING & LUNCH DISCUSSION: It is estimated that we sold 430 dinners. We have not received the bill from the caterer. Many people paid the late lunch fee .. \$20.00. Forty people did not pick up their lunch tickets. We ran out of coffee and nearly ran out of bread. This was due to so many

people purchasing late lunches. It was hard for the cooks to keep up with the demand for hamburgers. All felt we should continue with Joy's Bakery as the caterer. They are so obliging and, also, are SWHSAA members. The tickets were counted for the chicken and the hamburger lines so we would have a idea if we should continue those items for next year.

Joanna felt we needed someone to direct the people into the chicken and the hamburger lines. Peggy Suryan did step in and began shunting people to the correct line. The direction sign needs to be higher so people can see it as they approach the ticket takers. Possibly the MC could address the problem on the microphone. Next year we can have a position as the lunch line director to relieve the problem.

The traffic control went great. People were encouraged to take a newsletter, sign up with the email address and make any other address corrections. Someone suggested we post a large list showing who has signed up for the picnic attendance, where the Class Tents are located, and possibly have the list show the list of names by Class.

Next year the lunch payment can be made by Pay Pal or the Web Site. We hope to have a line on the form in the newsletter that they can donate or pay for the lunch on line. People begin signing up for the picnic lunch in January so information needs to be put in the November Newsletter. Pay Pal collects their charge first. We discussed having a small charge added to the \$15.00 if people paid by Pay Pal. That discussion showed that we cannot have two fees such as \$15.00 payment by check and \$16.00 fee from those paying by Pay Pal. Jerry Jewett felt we should absorb the cost.

Judy Johnson, membership chair, reported the ticket place was empty for a period and she was selling tickets. Next year we will need a second and third shift for that position. Judy felt the serving of the oldsters went well. Next year we possibly could have volunteers to assist and carry the plates for those that find it hard to balance a plate and a cane.

Someone suggested we have an admission charge since several do not order the dinner. This was discussed and tabled.

RAFFLE: The raffle went well. We had too many prizes. Should have ten or twelve at the most. Profit was down. We gained only \$937.00. We felt it was due to the fact that we did not have runners that milled about the crowd to sell tickets. The salmon, strawberries, wine, intarsia, book and other item tickets went well. Next year the committee will make change decisions. They will decide the number of prizes, hawking of tickets persons, etc. They have had experience on this. All felt the using the bags for the ticket items was good. The bags should be spread out further so people can have access to them.

The Business Leaders of America High School girl's sale of items for their project really did not have enough space or advertisement. They had quality items but did not have good sales.

MC: Bob Dow indicated that he probably would be willing to serve next year. We would like him as a "Life Time Volunteer".

PHOTOGRAPHER: Judy Johnson volunteered Leilani Morrison from the Class of '71 to be next year's photographer. She wants to help and does excellent work.

TROUBLE SHOOTER: Mike Martin did not appreciate that position. Not enough direct work to do and no time to visit. He volunteered to help with Parking next year.

MISC. INFORMATION: Someone brought a sandwich board with sign up area to list “Fallen Cubs”. This was a good idea. We should have that next year.

The guests began arriving about 10:00 a.m.

We need a lost and found space.

We discussed changes to be made to the large banner that is put up at the city entrance. It is expensive to change the dates.... Could we have “Second Saturday in July”? This will need further discussion.

Barbara commented how quickly the tear down committee operated.

Discussion of pre-approval of expenses by the Board. That was tabled until the next meeting. Jerry Jewett felt that everyone should be curious enough to know what all expenditures are. All expenses throughout the year should be listed to the group showing that they have been approved..

Bonna has the list of raffle winners.

Barbara Thompson did a wonderful job and we need to work at finding an assistant. Jerry Jewett thought he would contact an alumni that he thought might help.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bonna presented the financial report. Dues collected... \$370.00, Picnic meal tickets....\$2,155.00, Hats and mugs sold.... \$48.00, Raffle tickets sold at picnic.... \$937.00, Donations.....\$1,057.00 (Class of 1992 donated \$800 to scholarship fund), Memorials..... \$60.00... Total receipts .....\$4,627.00.

Next meeting will be 8-22-12 Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

Lola Ellestad, Secretary