

SEDRO-WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 6:30 p.m.  
August 22, 2012 Membership evening meeting Sedro-Woolley Senior Center

Attendance ... 8

President Pat Hyatt opened the meeting.

Dues Review: The subject of the dues increase from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and the lifetime dues increase from \$100.00 to \$300.00 which is to take place on January 1, 2013 was brought up for discussion. This was voted on and passed in the December 2011 meeting. Lola had asked for discussion at the March 2012 meeting and it was tabled until after the picnic. She is asking that we have discussion on it tonight.

Jerry Jewett stated we need input. If the Finance Committee or the Board of Directors did not recommend the increase and we do not have a valid reason to increase the dues, then we need to have the situation reviewed by the Finance Committee at this time. Bonna Beitler made the motion that the dues amount increase be referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation. Jerry Jewett seconded the motion. Carried. Lola will send Gene Johnson, Chairman of the Finance Committee an email to let him know of our decision. The Lifetime membership amount was not included in the recommendation.

Meeting times: We next discussed the meeting times or alternatives. The schedule we have now is rather confusing. We meet at 1:00 p.m. in January, March, May, July and September... 6:30 p.m. in February, April, June, August and October and then go to the November and December meetings on the third Wednesday. This is rather confusing. Jerry Jewett stated that he would prefer meeting at 1:00 p.m and possibly cancel the November and December meetings. Lola stated the By-laws read that we should have twelve meetings a year. There were four that agreed that they would prefer going back to 1:00 p.m. Pat thought that we could possibly have a noon meeting here at the Senior Center and people that work could come. Jerry Jewett made a motion that we cancel the evening meetings and November and December third Wednesday meetings and have noon meetings here at the Senior Center. Seconded by Reidar Ytgard. Carried. Lola should put an article in the Skagit Valley Herald stating the change of meeting time. Lola will contact Ellen to change our meeting time.

Nominating Committee: Pat requested volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Lola, Shirley Arthur, Mike Martin and Jerry Jewett volunteered.

Pay Pal discussion: The Pay Pal has not been utilized as of this date. Mike gave Lola copies of his research on Pay Pal to give to Joanna. Mike stated Pay Pal is the cheapest and secure and we should stay with it. Lola will ask Joanna if she has received any processing information from Pay Pal. This will be tabled until next meeting. Pat thought it would be nice to have some information in the November Newsletter that would make it possible to use Pay Pal for payment of dues, etc.

Jerry Jewett made a motion that Lola Ellestad be reimbursed the \$250 that she deposited at the bank when we opened the Pay Pal account a year ago. Seconded by Doreen Spencer. Carried. Lola will send Eric a copy of the expenses that she has not been reimbursed.

Newsletter discussion: Mike Martin thought we should have an article in the Newsletter telling people to recommend their friends to join the Alumni. Mike will write that article. Pat wondered if it would be nice to highlight members letting the membership know what some of the longtime members have

done for the Alumni. People come to the picnic and have a good day but do not know how long and how hard someone has worked to make the event happen. We need to get articles in soon to have ready for the newsletter planning. Bonna Beitler thought we might use the idea that Sally Thompson Rauch had suggested of having “a looking for classmates” article. Lola mentioned that some classes have instructed her that they do not want the Alumni to distribute their names and addresses. Jerry Jewett then suggested Lola have a policy that when she receives such a request that she would need to contact the classmate in question so that the person could respond as to whether or not he wanted his or her name be forwarded to the person looking for that individual. We need an article in the Newsletter telling the people that we will contact the person that they are searching for before sharing a name or address. If anyone has an article that they think would be good for the November Newsletter they should bring it to the September meeting. The November Newsletter should have an article asking if the Classes are planning to have their reunion in 2013.

Foundation discussion: Pat announced that she had obligated herself to invite Brock Stiles and Pam Beard from the Foundation to speak at our meeting to let us know their feelings about possibly combining the two groups and sharing ideas. This has been presented to the Alumni a few times and the group has not gone along with that idea. Pat just wants to have them present their ideas for about fifteen minutes and then we can discuss it at a later meeting.

Picnic Committee: Mike Martin volunteered to be Barbara Thompson's assistant for the Picnic Committee and Sally Thompson Rauch has volunteered to be the Assistant to the Assistant. We thank them for their offer. Barbara reported that Joy's Bakery had been paid. We were charged for 445 meals. Barbara Thompson was presented a plant for all her work as the Picnic Chairman for the past year.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Pat Hyatt for flowers received following her surgery. Lola read letters received on the SWHSAA blog and website and thank you letters from students that have received scholarships from us.

Treasurers Assistant report: Bonna Beitler reported she had received one payment of dues, three donations and one membership for a total of \$105.00.

Meeting adjourned.

Lola Ellestad, Secretary