

The winter 2020 EDSO Board meeting was held on Thursday January 16th 2020 at the home of Roy & Susan Marshall. Attending were board members Linda Benson, Gerard Forsman, Erik Miller, Roy Marshall, Greg Thiel, Gus Arellano, Linda Jaress, Ann Stumpf, Wayne Schweinfest, Barbara VanWoerkom, Don and Lynn McHarness. Also attending were EDSO members Mike Benson, Virginia Fuller, Wayne Stumpf, and Susan Marshall. A quorum was present.

After a light dinner and some wine, the meeting was called to order by the President at 7:20PM.

The Secretary announced that after some changes the Fall Board meeting minutes were automatically approved in November 2019.

The Treasurer announced that as of January 1st 2020 the EDSO treasury balance was \$3445.20. He also mentioned that it was very important that he get a copy of the EDSO Event Agreement. The Treasurer having a copy of the agreement at the event has often saved us from being charged amounts or for items that were not agreed to when the event was set up. It is also useful for the Newsletter Editor, the Reservations Chair and the Secretary/Communicator to have copies of the agreement. There was also a discussion of who was on the signature card for the EDSO bank account. Since the Treasurer is currently the only person on the signature card the Board decided that the President, Linda Jaress, should also be on the signature card.

The Membership Chair announced that we had 40 members paid for 2020 and a few more that might renew later in the year.

The Site Selection Chair mentioned that he was looking into events at an Italian restaurant in the Bethany area and a Cuban sandwich shop in Oregon City. March will again be Portland restaurant month and we plan to have an event then. An event catered by Tamale Boy was suggested, hosted either at the Marshall's or at a party room in the Stumpf's building. The summer picnic at the park in West Linn last year went very well and we'll plan on doing an event there again in 2020. There was a suggestion made that maybe we should only plan on one event per month but the consensus was that we should try for two events to the extent that we can arrange them.

Gus spoke about the schedule for the upcoming beach weekend. Friday, after meeting for snacks and wine in the motel meeting room, the group will proceed to Doogers where dinner will be ordered off the menu with individual checks. Saturday the first event after breakfast will be a docent-led tour of the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria. Gus has set up a \$20 late lunch at Drina Daisy. Later everyone will gather back at the motel meeting room for pizza and salad followed by Mike & Linda Benson's liquor tasting. Sunday is departure after breakfast

Linda Benson talked about last year's Christmas Party. The consensus was that the party went well and folks enjoyed themselves. The board agreed that a party with no subsidy was great. It was agreed that we would plan for the 2020 Christmas Party at Ranees and then try to find a more central location for 2021. We'll attempt to cut down on all the menu choices for this year.

There was a discussion about raising the member discount from \$2 to \$3 for each event. The Treasurer was concerned that we do not let our bank balance get too low. Currently, the Treasurer has the authority to lower or discontinue the member discount should he feel that the bank balance is getting too low. The board decided that the Treasurer would continue to have this authority and that we would change the member discount to \$3.

There was a discussion about whether the Reservation Chair was required to be a Director. Ann Stumpf has agreed to serve as Reservation Chair but she would prefer to not be a Board member. It was agreed that Ann would continue to be Reservation Chair and not be on the Board.

The next EDSO Board meeting will be held at 6PM on Thursday April 16th 2020 at the Marshall's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

respectfully submitted,

Roy Marshall  
Secretary