



**Monthly Meeting:** May 5, 2014

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Watermark Books & Café, 4701 East Douglas, Wichita, KS

**In Attendance:**

Ruth Harries                      Janet Fowler                      Katherine Goodenberger

Eric Gustafson                      Jean Hatfield                      Kristi Jacobs

Jeanette Parker                      Sue Koenig                      Rita Severt

Len Warren, WALA Member

**Absent:**

Joe Forte      Max Burson      Kendra Mork      Cindy Pfeiffer      Racine Zackula

The meeting was called to order by President Jean Hatfield.

A motion was made by Kristi Jacobs and seconded by Rita Severt to approve the April 7, 2014, minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Interim Treasurer, Kendra Mork, was not at the meeting.

**Webmaster's Report:**

The new WALA web domain name is walaks.org. Eric reported that he has started adding information to the webpage. Ruth will advertise the new URL in the next edition of the newsletter.

**Newsletter:**

Ruth Harries reported that the newsletter is just about completed. She will contact Max Burson for pictures of the Spring Symposium.

**Old Business:**

- Spring Symposium Evaluations – Only one person did not find it useful. The board needs to be thinking of suggestions for future programs. Jean sent thank you notes with Barnes & Noble gift cards to the presenters.
- Annual Meeting – The cost will be \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. The menu for the luncheon was discussed and decided upon. Sue Koenig and Rita Severt will purchase

potted flowers for the table decorations and door prizes. Kendra Mork will make the nametags. Registrations are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Jeanette will assist Kendra at the registration table. Janet will provide copies of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting. Kendra will provide the Treasurer's Report. Jeanette will request the screen and microphone for our presenter to use. Eric will bring the projector.

- Ballot – The ballot was reviewed and a motion to approve the ballot, as published, was made by Eric Gustafson and seconded by Kristi Jacobs. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **New Business:**

- The date for the August/September Board Meeting will potentially be August 25<sup>th</sup>. Eric will confirm the date with the Board and also will schedule the meeting room with Watermark staff for the 2014-2015 meetings.
- There was discussion about holding a reception for new professionals, staff and MLS students/graduates. It was decided to schedule "Make the Connection" on September 18, 2014, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Alford Branch Library, cookies and punch will be served. Eric will add this information to the web page and Ruth will include it in the next newsletter. A free membership will be given as a door prize.
- Janet asked the Board about the future of the Book Buddy Project. It was decided that the remaining books that were donated for Book Buddy will be donated to a person Len Warren knows that provides books to various facilities and senior living centers. He will be in contact with Janet to make arrangements to pick up the books.
- Rita Severt said that she would like to see WALA take a stand for advocating for K-12 library media specialists. The trend continues to have unlicensed staff in the school libraries. She is seeing an increase in WATC students not having the skills necessary to correctly use the resources in the library. This could be a direct result of not having a librarian available to teach them the skills they need prior to going to college.
- Reminder that the May 13<sup>th</sup> Wichita City Council Meeting will have on the agenda information on the new central branch. Everyone is welcome to attend and speak in favor of the project moving forward.

#### **Adjourned**

Submitted by,

Janet Fowler, Secretary