



Monthly Meeting: December 7, 2015

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Watermark Books

In Attendance:

Sara Butts	Kendra Mork	Jill Stern
Eric Gustafson	Angela Paul	Tom Taylor
Steve Hamersky	Cindy Pfeiffer	Sam Willis
Ruth Harries	Helen Rigdon	
Kristi Jacobs	Rita Severt	

Absent:

Sue Koenig

The meeting was called to order by President Kristi Jacobs.

Helen proposed to approve the minutes of the November meeting and Kendra seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The cost of the legislative luncheon was covered by the income generated. There were 37 attendees, including 2 legislators and 8 extra people who had not sent RSVP.

Webmaster's Report: Sam Willis will be the new webmaster. Rita proposed to approve Sam's appointment and Ruth seconded the motion.

Newsletter: Sara will ask Max Burson for the photos from the Legislative Luncheon for the next newsletter.

SCKLS: BLAST was the last event, held 12/04 at SCKLS. No new events were mentioned.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Luncheon wrap-up discussion

This event was held at Terradyne Country Club on 11/17. WALA ordered a plated meal with cake for dessert, but the event was set up for a buffet with a different menu. Tom had been informed shortly beforehand, but the unexpected change was not explained. However, the buffet allowed everyone to mingle better, and more mingling should be encouraged so that everyone can meet the legislators, senators and other guests.

The date should be considered more carefully. We had good attendance, but there were several conflicts that could have been avoided. The legislators and senators were due in Topeka that week, and some had meetings before the first session. Also, Wichita Public Library had a board meeting (third Tuesday of every month). WPL Friends also have standing meetings each month. It is acknowledged that it is difficult to send out invitations immediately after elections, but before the first legislative session begins.

Holiday Party

Steve has reserved the Alumni Room at Newman University on 12/11. Set up may begin at 6PM and the event will start at 6:30PM. The invitation Helen created was sent out by Kristi twice and will be sent to members again this week.

Spring Symposium

Sudermann Commons room at the Metroplex has been reserved for 12:00-5:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2016. Tom suggested the theme of HR /human resources. We could have a speaker from the business community to talk about best practices or a faculty member from Center for Management Development (WSU). Angie will attempt to contact Gerald Graham.

Another speaker could be a librarian who can talk about HR issues specific to libraries. Helen will ask Vicki Jo Stewart.

A panel of WALA board members can represent academic, school and public libraries. Ruth (academic), Cindy (schools) and Helen (public) have all volunteered for the panel.

Annual Meeting

Kansas Sampler and the New Kansas Cookbook were proposed last time, but this speaker needs to schedule one year in advance. Daniel Pewewardy, a comedian who works at Wichita Public Library may be available. Helen will ask. Using Hyde Park again was recommended, if Jean Hatfield can make the reservation.

Legislative Day

Legislative Day has been scheduled for January 19 by the Kansas Library Association. Bags are distributed to libraries, and librarians can fill the bags as desired with a \$40 cap. Suggestions include candy and other snacks, antacids and aspirin. WALA board members are encouraged to offer rides to members and other librarians who want to attend. A survey will be created in SurveyMonkey by Sara and sent out to the membership by Kristi.

Library Tour

A tour of C-Space in Ablah Library at WSU will start at 7:00 p.m. after dinner at a local restaurant on March 7. Parking will be tight because night classes start at 7:00 p.m. Carpooling will be encouraged. Il Vicino and The Hill both on Douglas were suggested for restaurants. Angie will check on home game schedules and reschedule if there are additional parking conflicts.

As May Arise

Cindy mentioned that an education bill authorizing school librarians has passed the House and has moved on to the Senate, with language that includes school librarians as mandatory staff.

Adjourned at 12:30 pm

Submitted by Angela Paul