



Monthly Meeting: August 29, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Watermark Books and Café

In Attendance:

Sara Butts	Kendra Mork	Jill Stern
Anne Ethen	Angela Paul	Tom Taylor
Ruth Harries	Helen Rigdon	Sam Willis

Absent:

Cindy Pfeiffer	Sue Koenig	Kristi Jacobs
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Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Taylor.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting were approved by Kendra and seconded by Helen. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Kendra presented the 2016-2017 budget proposal. There are currently only 17 members, although several officers and board members and many other long time members have not yet paid. Membership was at 59 last May. There was some concern about potential income for the year, given the lack of certainty about membership payments. We are all encouraged to increase retention and new members. Ruth moved to approve the budget proposal and Helen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Webmaster's Report: Sam reported that the blog platform has been updated on the server and the WALA website is up to date.

Newsletter Report: Sara would like submissions by October 1 for an October 15 release.

SCKLS: Upcoming September events include two Fall Book Previews at different locations, BLAST, and FLASH events.

OLD BUSINESS

Jean Hatfield retirement: Tom announced that he was pleased to see so many WALA members attending the event on August 19

Make the Connection: This networking coffee will be held September 22 at 5:30 p.m. at WPL Alford Branch. There are two interim directors, and Helen will contact them to make sure they are aware of the event and ask them if a coffee maker is available. Board members will each bring cookies. Tom will bring napkins and cups.

Tom will write up an announcement and send it to Sam and Helen and post it on the WALA Facebook page. It will also be sent to the general membership.

Feedback on the Annual Meeting: The meeting was held May 19 at Hyde Park Community Building. Refreshments were well received, so we plan to use Hog Wild again. May 18 is the proposed date, and Helen will try to secure the same venue.

NEW BUSINESS

KLA Conference: This conference will be held October 19-21 in Wichita. Ruth is on the local arrangements committee. This committee would like to support hosts at a few restaurants within and close to the Wichita downtown area to be called "Dine-Around" in the conference brochure. Dine-Around will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. on October 19.

There will probably be a single Welcome Desk/Hospitality Desk and Registration Table, so it will be important for local people to staff Registration.

We will have an informational table for WALA. Tom will make "Ask me about WALA" buttons for WALA members. Ruth already has the poster.

There was much discussion about the theme of our KLAEF scholarship basket. The theme will be "Go for the Gold" in honor of local athletes who competed in the Olympics and Paralympics.

Board Vacancy: Lauren Dalhaus has left WALA, so a two-year presidential appointment needs to be made to replace her on the board. Helen moved to accept Sara as a board member and Angie seconded the motion. She will continue as newsletter editor.

Legislative Luncheon: Elections are November 8th this year. Many conflicts occurred with the date last year, so we will be more cognizant of the schedule for legislative committees and Wichita Public Library standing meetings. The Monday or Tuesday during the week of Thanksgiving seems best. Tom will search for a venue and Helen will confirm WPL conflicts before a date is confirmed. Jeremy Hill was suggested as a speaker, but nothing was finalized.

Holiday Party: Alumni Center at Newman University on the second Friday in December is the preferred date for this event. Tom will ask Steve Hamersky for permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom mentioned that he attended the ICT Comic Con on Saturday (8/27). The Air Capital Comic Convention in November is even bigger. Their vendor tables are sold out. Tom suggested that having a library table to promote graphic novels, including electronic ones, and books, etc., would be a good idea. He suggested WALA would be a good choice to do this so that different libraries like WPL, APL, DPL could all participate. He thought it should be looked into later in the WALA year.

Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Angela Paul