



Monthly Meeting: October 3, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Watermark Books and Café

In Attendance:

Anne Ethen	Angela Paul	Tom Taylor
Ruth Harries	Cindy Pfeiffer	Sam Willis
Kendra Mork	Jill Stern	

Absent:

Sara Butts	Kristi Jacobs
Sue Koenig	Helen Rigdon

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Taylor.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 29, 2016 meeting required a small correction. They were approved by Kendra and seconded by Sam. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A few additional members have paid dues since the August meeting. Kendra will send one more reminder to those who were members last year and then remove them from the roster before the November meeting. Ruth approved the report and Anne seconded the motion.

Webmaster's Report: The WALA website is up to date with events, leadership contact information and meeting agendas for the current year.

Newsletter Report: Please send articles to Sara this week.

SKLS: Upcoming October events include a FLASH event and the Semi-Annual business Meeting with keynote speaker. Kendra has a new full-time employee and would like to send her to BLAST, although the cohorts have begun for the year. Jill and Kendra discussed how to set that up.

OLD BUSINESS

Make the Connection was held September 22 at 5:30 p.m. at WPL Alford Branch. Nine people attended, including one new librarian from Mulvane. In an effort to renew interest, options for other venues were discussed for next year. A location for dinner and/or alcoholic beverages in Andover (as it is closer to Emporia/ESU than Wichita) or downtown Wichita may be good locations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KLA Conference October 19, 20 & 21:

Ruth reports that five people have signed up to host the Dine-Around Wichita event. Three more people are needed, so Cindy volunteered. Monarch, Public, Lotus Leaf, Harvest Kitchen and Bar, Café Bellame, Larkspur, AVI and Reuben's Mexican Grill have been selected as locations. Hosts have not been assigned locations, yet, although board members at today's meeting were able to pick their locations.

Ruth will be working the Registration Desk on the first morning of the conference, and so volunteered to set up the WALA table. It will be located close to the Registration Desk. The table will include a tri-fold brochure and buttons which Tom will make at Andover Public Library. Tom will ask Eric Gustafson for the current brochure file (which needs to be updated) or will make a new brochure. The buttons will be 2" round and say "Ask me about WALA."

Our KLAEF basket theme is Go for the Gold. Tom will contribute gold coins and gold-wrapped chocolates. Items should be sent to Kendra through the courier system well before Oct. 19.

Holiday Party: Tom has confirmed with Steve Hamersky that the Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 9th at 5:00 in the Alumni Room at Newman University.

Legislative Luncheon:

The luncheon will be held on Monday, November 21, which is the week of Thanksgiving. Tom mentioned the rentals and other fees for several potential locations. He recommended Ya Ya's. We will plan for 50 people, including representatives and senator guests. Ya Ya's pricing does not include gratuity, so WALA will add gratuity our payment. The board agreed to offer the plated meal package #3 which includes chicken, salmon and lasagna entrees. Choices will be offered to each guest on the registration form. Members will be charged \$30 and non-members \$35. Elected officials might receive lunches courtesy of SCKLS. Jill will ask Paul Hawkins about this and Tom will send a formal letter, if required.

The board would like Jeremy Hill of Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR) to speak, so Tom will see if he is available. The Leadership Institute has several speakers who can talk about several different topics. Since the SCKLS Semi-Annual meeting will have Amy Hill as a speaker, Tom will see if someone else from the Leadership Institute can talk about a different topic, if Jeremy is not available.

Ruth mentioned that we should have talking points as we have done in the past. Eric is the current chair of the KLA Governmental Affairs Committee, so Tom will ask him for talking points. SCKLS included a list of facts about libraries and SCKLS last year, which was popular, and Jill will see if they can do that again.

The invitations to the legislators are quite time consuming, and Tom suggested that Angie ask for help. She will see how the work could be divided and get help if needed.

There were no additional proposed events or announcements.

Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Angela Paul