



**Monthly Meeting:** August 28, 2017

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

**Location:** Watermark Books and Café

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kathie Buckman	Angela Paul	Tom Taylor
Sara Butts	Nicole Penley	Joan Wilson
Anne Ethen	Helen Rigdon	Racine Zackula

**Board Members Absent:**

Jo Plumb	Shanna Smith	Sam Willis
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**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Helen.

**Introduction of new board members:** Everyone introduced themselves to help Kathie, Racine and Joan feel welcome. Helen announced that she will resign as WALA president to accept a position as the public library director in Sioux City, Iowa. This requires several board members shifting roles, which was accepted by the board after much discussion and a review of the bylaws:

- Sara will be president
- Racine will be president-elect
- Anne will be treasurer

Board members are to ask members for a replacement for Anne's last year commitment on the Board of Directors.

**Minutes and Treasurer's Reports:** Minutes from the May meeting required a small correction. The treasurer's report shows 44 members have paid \$645. An additional check was received during the meeting and there was a discussion about authorized users on the checking account. Due to the change of responsibilities, these individuals have or will have authorization to use the Capitol Federal bank accounts:

- Sara as president
- Tom as past president
- Racine as president-elect
- Anne as treasurer

Angie accepted Racine's request to electronically distribute the treasurer's report to the board. Tom will deposit the check when he makes the proposed changes to the account. Tom made a motion to approve

the minutes as corrected, the treasurer's report, and the changes in authorized signers on the bank accounts; Kathie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Webmaster's Report:** Sam was unavailable to present the report, but the membership form needs to be updated. Angie will send the new PDF form to Sam before he returns from vacation.

**Newsletter Report:** Sara plans to publish the next newsletter in Canva, a web-based graphic design software program. The board reviewed a couple of mock-up pages. The next newsletter is expected to be distributed by September 15 in order to promote the social event on September 28, our first event for the year.

**SCKLS:** Nicole thanked WALA on behalf of SCKLS for the bonsai tree which was presented on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Their next event is an open house on September 12 at SCKLS headquarters.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Helen presented thank you cards from Allen Tanner for his retirement gift, SCKLS for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift and shared an e-mail from Rita Severt for her retirement gift. Racine will file the cards in the WALA archive at the Wichita Public Library.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WALA Social Event** will be held at River City Brewery 5:30-7:00PM on September 28. Helen will call the venue to make sure this plan will work for 20 people. She will also make the flyer. This event will include a celebration for Helen's new position.

**KLA Conference** will include a WALA information table and we will donate a basket for the KLAEF scholarship fundraiser auction. Kathie is on the conference committee and plans to attend the conference. She will reserve a table and display our poster board with our brochures.

After some discussion, we decided on "early literacy" as a theme. This proposal was presented by Sara; the motion was approved by Angie and seconded by Anne. Animals, dinosaurs, toys and other items appropriate for 3 to 4-year-olds should be sent to Kathie or brought to the next board meeting to be included in the basket.

**Legislative Luncheon** will be 12:00-1:30PM on Monday, November 20. Tom will call Ya Ya's Eurobistro to see if it's available. There was a discussion about the speaker. Tom will call Marcie at Kansas Sampler. It might be possible to secure an author who will be visiting Watermark Books. Several local authors and the state Poet Laureate were mentioned. This discussion will probably continue online after we hear back from Marcie as this event should be scheduled by the end of our October meeting.

**Holiday Party** should probably be somewhere other than Newman this year. Angie will inquire about possible locations on the WSU campus. This event will be held on Friday, December 8.

**Meeting Dates:** Helen has reserved Watermark for 11:30-12:30PM on the first Monday each month with the following exceptions:

- Our March meeting will be held in the evening at a library and after a scheduled dinner
- Since January 1 is a holiday, our January meeting will be on January 8

Anne submitted a motion for adjournment and Sara seconded the motion.

Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Angela Paul