



**Monthly Meeting:** November 4, 2019

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

**Location:** Watermark Books and Café

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Loree Hisken

Ruth Harries

Sara Butts

Jessica Torres

Samuel Willis

Kathie Buckman

Nicole Penley

Jo Plumb

Joan Wilson

Angela Paul

**Board Members Absent:** Anne Ethen, Maggie Pinnick, and Racine Zackula (Racine resigned 11/4/19)

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Kathie.

**Minutes:** October minutes slightly amended and approved by Joan (Sam).

**Treasurer's Report (Anne):** \$2115.83 in the bank. Anne received a membership from Kelly Fay, a student at ESU, hasn't gotten her check to the bank yet. Anne will need to send a deposit check to the venue. Board members and members need to RSVP to Anne by November 15<sup>th</sup> if they have not. Kathie will send a reminder on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SCKLS (Nicole):** Paul Hawkins has approved that SCKLS will pay for legislators at the luncheon but would like a list of legislators who attend.

**Webmaster's / Social Media Report:** Samuel will need to add minutes to the WALA website but nothing else to report.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Legislative Luncheon:** Registration will begin at 11:00 am. Lunch will begin at 11:30. Kathie will bring name tag stickers. This year we should ask legislators and WALA board to introduce themselves. Kathie will introduce Robbin Newell, VP of KLA, and she will speak from 12:15-1:00 pm. Kathie will give a brief background of what WALA is and what we do, announce upcoming events such as holiday party, spring library tour, spring symposium, and annual meeting. SCKLS would like to have fliers at all of the tables. The luncheon will be November 25<sup>th</sup> at the 29<sup>th</sup> and Rock location of Olive Tree. The cost will be \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. SLIM students will pay \$10. Kathie will send students an email.

**Holiday Party:** We will have the party at Butler Community College in El Dorado this year on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> starting around 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. This is a potluck at the L.W. Nixon Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the 600 Building. Attendees should bring a white elephant wrapped book. We'll order a ham from Two Brothers BBQ in El Dorado. We will not have a meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next board meeting will be January 6<sup>th</sup> at Watermark.

**WALA KLAEF Basket:** "Wellness from Wichita" basket was sold at KLA's auction.

**Spring Symposium:** We discussed using WSU's lower level of the library outside of Special Collections or reserving a room at the Rhatigan Student Center, possibly the Santa Fe room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – the Harvest room on the main floor is beautiful but larger than we need, or the Metroplex. Police could reserve parking for the event. Last year was April 18<sup>th</sup>. We're considering April 16<sup>th</sup> for this event. Angie will see if the Harvest room and other spaces are available for an event from 1-4 pm. We could ask SCKLS to reimburse us for snacks again. Potential topics for the Symposium (previous discussion continued): Personal safety, de-escalation techniques, identity theft, etc. Continue thinking of other topics, speakers, etc. We should consider a panel with directors and how they handle safety concerns as the last session, maybe a little longer than the first two sessions. (Cindy Berner or a circulation manager at WPL, Ginger Williams or Cynorra Jackson WSU, Loree Hisken, Jo Plumb, and other libraries of various sizes). We could ask WSU police department for a session on safety from agitated people to active shooters (de-escalation etc.) Another topic could include disaster plan and preparedness.

**Spring Library Tour:** Jo has agreed to let us tour the Wellington Public Library after the remodel on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Annual Meeting:** We'll set the date and discuss speakers in January. We have attempted to piggy-back speakers from Watermark in the past so Kathie will look at the Watermark schedule of visiting authors. Kathie will also consider Michael Graves who won a Kansas Notable Book Award for his 1940s mysteries set in Wichita. In the past we've met at the Hyde Park shelter and last year at WSU's Harvest Room in the Rhatigan Student Center.

**WALA Budget:** Kathie brought up the suggestion of how WALA might create a scholarship for Wichita librarians to attend KLA when they are in Wichita again next year. SCKLS provides some assistance and so does the Emporia SLIM program. Jo suggested using the money to supplement the SCKLS's continuing education grant. Angie suggested a grant for school library books or officers having books in their cars for working with kids. Joan suggested continuing to supplement student costs for WALA events. Nicole suggested the Wichita Children's Home, Harbor House, or Tree House. We could even bring a children's book in addition to our white elephant book at the holiday party. Let's brainstorm this and other ideas for how we can use our budget. The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) will be in Wichita next Fall also.

**Archivist/Historian:** Sara will find and give one remaining box of documents to Kathie. Joan will pick up the tub of documents from April Hernandez at Goddard Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM. Sara motioned to adjourn (Jo).

Submitted by Sara Butts