



Monthly Meeting: January 6, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Watermark Books and Café

Board Members in Attendance:

Jessica Torres	Jo Plumb	Kathie Buckman
Nicole Penley	Angela Paul	Anne Ethen
Joan Wilson	Sara Butts	Maggie Pinnick

Board Members Absent: Ruth Harries, Samuel Willis, and Loree Hisken (Racine resigned 11/4/19)

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

Julie Sherwood, Partnership and Community Manager for Wichita Public Library (WPL) joined us. In September, the Levand Group met; it is made up of youth librarians in Sedgwick County and is part of a grant to benefit libraries in the county, which usually supports the cost of summer reading performers for instance. They receive mail from talent such as musicians offering their services. They would like to invite performers as a try-out or interview new talent rather than using the same performers from year to year. They didn't get approval for WPL to host because it has a broader audience. There was an event like this in Oklahoma where performers paid approximately \$25 (could be a "donation" rather than a fee) – it included a program and a packet with performers' information and pricing, including those who wanted to offer their services but couldn't attend. Julie would like to organize this kind of event for August 2020 as that is when public libraries start to plan for the next summer programs, at a time when summer reading is over and story times haven't started yet. They need a fiscal agent to accept payments or donations and pay for printing and advertising costs. Our role would include using our account to deposit payments and then write a check back. This would benefit librarians and teachers throughout the state. Julie asked if WALA would be willing to be a fiscal agent and to co-sponsor.

We don't have a tax ID number to give if that's a concern. Sometimes presenters need a W-9. The IRS limit is \$600. If we're accepting money and sending money out – what if it doesn't zero out. Who's responsible for over/under? (Nicole asked) Over may be a donation to WALA as co-sponsors.

Julie is still looking at venues that have a backstage area for setup. Valley Center's community room is one possibility. We discussed other location possibilities such as Derby Public Library.

The board will consider this proposal and respond to Julie soon.

Minutes: November minutes approved by Jo (Anne).

Treasurer's Report (Anne): Anne has received reimbursement for the Legislative Luncheon from SCKLS and deposited it into the account. Kathie gave Robin Newell a \$25 gift certificate and requested reimbursement with a check from Anne.

SCKLS (Nicole): The new continuing education is out or will be out soon on the new SCKLS website, same address. Please let SCKLS know if you see any errors as they make this transition.

Webmaster's / Social Media Report: We should ask Samuel to add photos from the Legislative Luncheon and Holiday Party and minutes to the WALA website.

Legislative Luncheon: Legislators at the luncheon seemed receptive to the speaker's topic. We had nine legislators attend (of 10 RSVPs). We lost about \$200 after expenses.

Holiday Party: We had about 9 attend the holiday party in El Dorado but it was close to Thanksgiving so that may have contributed to a smaller attendance. The library was nice and cozy. Should we consider other time frames, maybe in January next year?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Library Tour: Wellington Public Library, March 2nd at 6:00 pm for the meeting and 6:30 pm for the tour and dinner. Jo's library board has approved a dinner for the group. There's a BBQ place, coffee shop, and other things in town. Jo would need a number for RSVPs by Monday, Feb. 24 to Jo. We would probably just be going over details for the symposium. Maggie will create a flier in Canva for social media.

Tanner Spring Symposium: April 14, Rhatigan Student Center at Wichita State University, Harvest Room 142. "Safety First" topic. Presenters include: Capt. Corey Herl (WSU PD) can talk about personal safety. Cynorra (WSU) and Loree Hisken and other library front-line managers can discuss safety issues that have come up, concerns they think about, de-escalation, etc. Anne will ask Cindy Berner or WPL branch or circulation managers on the front lines to join the panel. Brady Lund (30 mins. PhD student studying dark web) can talk about safety on the web. We discussed the order of Herl, Lund, then panel at the end. We could ask SCKLS to reimburse us for snacks again. We segued to discuss guns in libraries and what we may or may not be allowed to do when situations come up with patrons who carry. Angie has sent PDFs with snack options and we can discuss options via emails, to be decided in February.

Annual Meeting: Watermark doesn't have any speakers in May for us to piggy-back. We discussed locations. Botanica charges quite a bit (almost \$600 including deposit). We discussed CityArts as a potential location since we wouldn't have to pay after-hours security during the day. Jessica will talk to Kelsey at WSU since Kelsey works at CityArts part-time. We still need to set a date and finalize a speaker. Kathie suggested Michael Graves who won a Kansas Notable Book Award for his 1940s mysteries set in Wichita. Kathie will talk to him to see if he'd be interested.

Archivist/Historian: Kathie now has all of the WALA archives. She will ask her dean to use a GA to look through archives and potentially digitize things and upload them into the WALA Google Drive. We don't need to retain agendas but we should retain minutes, event posters, and relevant items.

Meeting Time: We discussed other meeting options such as a breakfast instead of a lunch. We are able to use Watermark for our meeting because we purchase a certain amount of food. If we aren't purchasing food, we'll need to discuss other location options for a possible 4:00 meeting or something. Ruth's preference (incoming President) prefers before 10 am or after 3 pm since she is driving from El

Dorado. Let's discuss ideal options with Angie Locke at Goddard High School because she's interested in being a board member. Sara will email Angie to see about preferences and if she has other school librarian friends who are also interested.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 PM. Angie motioned to adjourn (Joan).

Submitted by Sara Butts