



**Monthly Meeting:** February 3, 2020

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

**Location:** Watermark Books and Café

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Jessica Torres

Sara Butts

Ruth Harries

Nicole Penley

Kathie Buckman

Samuel Willis

Joan Wilson

Anne Ethen

Racine Zackula

Angela Paul

Maggie Pinnick

Loree Hisken

**Board Members Absent:** Jo Plumb

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

**Minutes:** January minutes approved by Samuel (Angela).

**Treasurer's Report (Anne):** 1,924.45 current balance. The average cost for 49 attendees resulted in an average cost of \$24.65 per person. We had a total budget loss of \$177.66. The legislators' lunches were paid by SCKLS. The speaker's lunch was paid out of the budget. We had 52 RSVPs, 49 attended (48 paid, speaker paid by WALA).

**SCKLS (Nicole):** Speaker Richard Burn will be talking at SCKLS Semi-Annual Meeting about passive programming for patron engagement. This talk can be adapted for school, academic, and public libraries. This is a 2-3 hour program at the WSU Metroplex on April 21 in the morning. Registration deadline is April 7<sup>th</sup>. This will focus on free web-based tools. Kathie will send this out to WALA members and Samuel will add to the website. This is open to librarian members of SCKLS. There will not be a Fall Semi-Annual SCKLS meeting this year.

**Webmaster's / Social Media Report:** Samuel did another update to the website and will post information for the Wellington Library Tour soon. If there are other announcements, please email Samuel. Samuel will also correct board terms for a few members who showed three year terms instead of two.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Spring Library Tour:** Something was published on Facebook or in the paper about the Spring Library Tour in Belle Plaine News / Oxford Register that there would be a library tour and there was a misunderstanding that non-WALA members would be allowed to join us. Angela Paul made a correction to the Facebook page to remind that it is members-only and RSVPs are required. Jo may need to respond to other interested parties that contact her. The tour will be at Wellington Public Library, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Jo needs a number for RSVPs by Monday, Feb. 24. We would probably just be going over details for the symposium. Maggie created a flier in Canva and it was posted to social media.

**Tanner Spring Symposium:** April 14, Rhatigan Student Center at Wichita State University, Harvest Room 142. "Safety First" topic. We will ask SCKLS to reimburse us for snacks again. Racine would be happy to moderate with question suggestions from WALA members. Racine has also offered to create a flier. Loree also volunteered. We discussed snacks via email. Angela will send the request for SCKLS to reimburse for snacks – ideally cookies and a snack mix for 30. We're anticipating 30-40 ideally.

- Capt. Herl (WSU PD): Personal safety
- Brady Lund (PhD Student): Internet safety
- Panel: Cynorra Jackson (WSU), Loree Hisken (Belle Plaine Public Library), Cindy Berner or Branch Manager (Wichita Public Library) – Discuss front line policies and safety concerns in the library. Panel will be given general topics ahead of time.

**Annual Meeting:** We discussed CityArts as a potential location since we wouldn't have to pay after-hours security during the day. Jessica did get a name of the right person to talk to at CityArts to see about prices for their available spaces. She'll also need to ask if CityArts has a contract with particular caterers. Michael Graves who won a Kansas Notable Book Award for his 1940s mysteries set in Wichita said yes to being our guest speaker. We are discussing Thursday, May 14 or 21 for the date with a reservation of 10-2 for the space, 11:30-1 for the event. We've had about 30 people attend the annual meeting. Racine suggested using the veranda at the Advanced Learning Library as a back-up location. Cost is usually \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.

**WALA Archives:** A SLIM student at Emporia State volunteered to take care of WALA archives for a class project. Angela sent G-Mail information to Kathie.

**Meeting Time:** We discussed other meeting time options to make allowances for school librarian participation and to make it more convenient for incoming president Ruth Harries. We discussed keeping the first Monday but perhaps 4-5 pm and to reach out more to school librarians. Racine suggested having some verbiage to discuss open positions with school librarians.

**Julie Sherwood's Request:** Julie was going to send a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) to see if WALA would accept payments through our account and disburse funds back to a group of librarians who are organizing events for library entertainment providers to showcase their talents around August 2020 to prepare for 2021 summer reading programs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM. Sara motioned to adjourn (Ruth).

Submitted by Sara Butts