



**Monthly Meeting:** December 7, 2020

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

**Location:** Zoom (virtual meeting)

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Jessica Torres	Nicole Penley	Kathie Buckman
Samuel Willis	Ruth Harries	April Hernandez
Anne Ethen	Sara McNeil	Kelly Fay
Maggie Pinnick	Loree Hisken	

**Board Members Absent:** Julie Mills and Jo Plumb

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Ruth but kept having very bad internet connection throughout whole time. We exited Zoom to reenter and then lots of people having sound internet connection issues. Ruth ended the meeting and we moved to email.

**Minutes:** Samuel mention misspelled words for November changes. Jessica made changes and resend revised version out for approval via email.

**Treasurer's Report (Anne):** \$2,294.45 is total in the bank and 28 paid members. While the Evergreen Branch Library is closed for renovations, it would probably be best to send WALA mail to:

Anne Ethan, WALA Treasurer

Angelou Branch Library

3051 E 21<sup>ST</sup> ST N

Wichita, KS 67214

**SCKLS (Nicole):** Nicole emailed that Paul prepared this statement:

"SCKLS welcomes Denise McCue, Human Resources and Financial Specialist and Kelly Fay, Technology Consultant. McCue was formerly City Clerk for the City of South Hutchinson and Fay was Office

Administrator for the Kansas Geological Survey Wichita Well Sample Library. You'll learn more about McCue and Fay in the upcoming January 2021 "Topics and Trends" webcast.

Mia Wilson, who served 16 years as SCKLS Human Resources and Financial Specialist has relocated to Loveland, CO and Tamia Taylor Bader, former Technology Consultant, is employed by the University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence.

The two positions were posted on the SCKLS website as well as other job sites in September 2020 and filled through the standard SCKLS open hiring process. If you have questions or comments please contact SCKLS Director Paul Hawkins, [paul@sckls.info](mailto:paul@sckls.info) or 800-234-0529, Ext. 113."

**Webmaster's / Social Media Report (Sam):** Via email, Samuel mentioned no webmaster updates other than the minute changes. He will add the revised minutes in place of older draft. He completed a few minor updates and will put in latest minutes and agendas. Jessica mentioned having Samuel change her name to Jessica Pierpoint on WALA website prior to next meeting. Samuel mention getting Anna information updated already and will update Jessica name change soon.

### **Old Business**

**Legislator Mailers:** Sara McNeil sent an email to the WALA membership letting everyone know that if they are interested in exchanging a book by mail, they can sign up with her. Kathie asked if Sara was sending name/address for the Holiday Book Exchange. Sara emailed back saying we have had 9 members wanting to participate. Jessica indicated on Facebook that folks should reply by today (December 7<sup>th</sup>) to give time for mail delays. By Wednesday, Sara plans to email those who are interested and share another Member's address. Today, she wanted to ask Board members thoughts on making it a double-blind exchange and only mail to personal addresses? "Attn: WALA Member", saying most people replied with their home addresses. Sara knew some librarians prefer to use the KLE courier to send out mail to other libraries but since this is a personal activity it would be better to promote the use of private mail through USPS which has reasonable rates for mail that is declared book rate. Just some thoughts Sara had and opened for email discussion. Ruth agreed that it makes sense to have book gifters use the USPS media mail rate to send their books directly to their giftee. Sara sends email about making contact with those that gave a library address and ask for home addresses instead. Anyone who wants to participate will receive email by Wednesday.

### **New Business**

**Eric Norris speaking:** Kathie talked to Eric Norris about presenting a program in January, so we need to give him some possible dates. Ruth mentioned that Kansas Day is Friday, January 29, the program doesn't necessarily need to be history-related, but maybe it's an appropriate time? Should we shoot for that week, or should we look at earlier dates in January? Kathie mentioned giving Eric January 12-14 as potential date times and that he was fine with any of those dates. If wanting to switch then will need to ask again. Ruth thanked Kathie for reminder about original proposed dates and if anyone had a preference at this point. Jessica mentions WSU Academic Resource Conference being week of January 12-14 so some librarians there might miss out, including herself, who are presenting that week just unsure dates/time of sessions. Anne also mentioned the legislators are back to work January 11 at 2pm so this would be their first week back for new session.

### **Other News**

There was a few congrats for Kelly and Jessica! Jessica mentioned her name changing after wedding and new year to Jessica Pierpoint. Exciting things happening for WALA members!!

Submitted by Jessica Torres.