



Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 6th, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Evergreen Library & Community Center and via Zoom Link

Board Members in Attendance:

Jessica Pierpoint

Julie Mills

Samuel Willis

Nicole Penley

Anne Ethen

Kathie Buckman

Cina Shirley

Heather Powell

Board Members Absent:

April Hernandez

Britten Kuckelman

Loree Hisken

Jeannie Booth

Other Members in Attendance:

Angie Paul

Melissa Emo

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jessica and started at 6:09pm.

Minutes (Julie): No changes other than one name error. Approval by Samuel, seconded by Kathie.

Treasurer's Report (Anne): Current bank balance is the same at \$3127.01. We have 28 paid members.

SCKLS (Nicole): Nothing new to announce. Thank you, Nicole, for sending updated information for the newsletter.

Webmaster/Social Media Report (Samuel): There is one minor update that Samuel will do. He also added the newsletter to the web page and will add the Tanner Spring Symposium flyer. Julie will create an event on Facebook for the Symposium.

Old Business

Newsletter: The newsletter is out and turned out great! A big thank you to Kathie, Heather, Julie, and Loree for all the work. A mini summer edition was discussed that could feature new board members and the summer event. Also, some ideas for the summer venue were talked about.

Library Tour: Thank you Anne! The murals and great new design were beautiful and the added benefits to the local community with the center were numerous. Dinner at a local restaurant followed the tour and board meeting.

New Business

Tanner Symposium: Thank you to April for getting the event going and securing the venue at the Derby Public library. There will be internet and conference space, need to see what panelist might need technology wise. Kathie has secured the panelists, Dr. Bobbie Long and Alex Mosakowski from SLIM. The schedule was discussed as such; 1-1:30 Social time, 1:30-3 panelists, and Q&A, 3-4 snacks and networking. This is flexible so if speakers take longer. Nicole said that SCKLS will reimburse for the snacks. With it being hard to determine a number, it may be best to get things like cookies and veggie trays or pre-package snacks. This will be decided at the April board meeting. Nicole mentioned trying to keep snacks in the \$10-\$15 range per-person.

Annual Meeting: Jessica met with Heather and has a menu for the catering. The two best options seem to be sandwich boxes at \$13 or tex-mex taco bar at \$22 per person. Jessica will send this information to Kathie and Anne. The caterer will need 2-3 weeks' notice before event date. WALA will pay Friends University for the meal and then they will pay Sodexo. There will need to be an RSVP sent out since venue is cap at 40. Plan to send out to paid WALA members and board first then make RSVP open to SLIM/students and non-paid members. A tentative schedule would be to pay Anne and get ballot at the table. Eat first, then either the guest speaker or Jessica will present. Then lastly, there will be the vote for new board members.

Kathie added that the guest speaker's wife will be joining. Kathie may purchase some of his books for door prizes

Kathie and Julie will be the ballot committee. There are two people who have already expressed interest. Other members need to confirm whether they will remain on for the full term of two years. We have 4 open positions at this time. We will also be voting to keep Pres/Past Pres the same for additional year so that we can be a full board again and hopefully stay that way moving forward.

Other Business

Family Leave: Jessica will be on maternity leave starting March 20th. Anne and Kathie will help cover and help finalize planning for the April and May events. They will also help lead the April and May board meetings. Jessica will still plan on attending the events themselves just not finish planning or attend board meeting for April or May.

Jessica has booked the next year's meetings at Watermark books. We have been booked out until May 2024 now.

Angie shared that Janet Fowler's husband died. Anne will send a card from WALA.

Meeting adjourned and ended by 6:50 pm.

Next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, April 3rd, at 11:30am at Watermark Books.