



**Monthly Meeting:** Monday, November 6, 2023

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

**Location:** Watermark Books and via Zoom Link

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Jessica Pierpoint

Melissa Emo

Anne Ethen

Julie Mills

Nicole Penley

Kathie Buckman

Cina Shirley

Heather Powell

Jeannie Booth

Samantha Henning

Eric Gustafson

**Board Members Absent:**

Samuel Willis

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jessica at 11:30 am.

**Minutes:** The October 2023 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne provided a report: our current bank balance is \$2,977.31. We have 25 paid members.

**SCKLS:** Nicole had no report.

**Webmaster/Social Media Report:** Samuel had a baby boy on October 31<sup>st</sup>: Azariah. He is on paternity leave until January.

**Old Business**

Jessica created our KLA Basket "Cozy Up with WALA," and it was donated to support KLAEF. Over \$3,000 was raised for scholarships.

Fall Newsletter Update: THANK YOU, Heather for all your work on this. It will be sent out to the WALA membership today.

### **New Business**

Eric Gustafson, Derby Public Library, has volunteered to fill our Board vacancy due to Rachel Enix's recent move out-of-state. It was moved and seconded to elect Eric to our Board. This is a two-year position. Thank you, Eric!

Legislative Event: Our Legislative Coffee, Conversation, and Dessert event will be held on Thursday, November 16, from 2:00-4:00 at the Derby Public Library. New KLA President, Sean Bird, has agreed to speak from 2:30-3:00, and then answer questions. Kathie sent letters to the 45 area legislators, and will also send an email notice later this week. We are to arrive at 1:00 to help set up. We will have coffee, tea, refreshers, cake pops, cookies, covered pretzels, etc., and will plan for 30-40 people.

Holiday Party: Jessica suggested we have our event at Bradley Fair. They will have a beautiful Christmas tree, and there also may be carriage rides. There are several places to eat, and then after our meal we can go to Barnes & Noble for our white elephant gift exchange (\$10 or less.) Maybe fun Christmas sweaters will be the dress code? We are thinking of the first 2 weeks in December. Jessica will send out a google docs survey. We will also have a book exchange through the mail, as we did last year.

### **Other Business**

Our Spring Library Tour will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024. We will meet at the Advanced Learning Center and Racine will give us a tour of her new Bookmobile. After the tour and meeting, we can eat in the Delano District.

Meeting adjourned and ended by 12:31 pm.

Our next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 11:30am at Watermark Books.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Buckman  
Secretary