



**Monthly Meeting:** Monday, December 4, 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 November 2023 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne provided a report: our current bank balance is \$2,910.23. She will submit an invoice to Kathie/SLIM to help pay for food for the recent Legislative Coffee/Conversation.

**SCKLS:** Nicole reported that in 2024, SCKLS will be increasing the CE reimbursement for persons taking classes or attending conferences from \$750/year to \$950/year. This opportunity is for those working at SCKLS libraries.

**Webmaster/Social Media Report:** Samuel is on paternity leave until January.

**Old Business**

We discussed the Legislative Coffee/Conversation event. Thirty-three were in attendance, including three legislators, which was a good turnout. KLA President Sean Bird gave an excellent presentation, and was well received. We also received lots of compliments on our local treats.

The Holiday Party will be Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet for dinner at Il Vicino Wood Oven Pizza in the Bradley Fair shopping center at 5:30. After we eat, we will walk around and see the beautiful decorations and end up at Barnes & Noble for our white elephant book theme exchange. Holiday attire is encouraged. Thank you, Melissa, for creating the flyer for this.

We will also have our Book Exchange again this year. Kathie will send something out to see who is interested.

### **New Business**

We brainstormed about a topic for the Tanner Spring Symposium. We are thinking of a panel discussion on DEIA: Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, and Accessibility. Some ideas we came up with, include: OER (Melissa); Nicole mentioned Fiona at SCKLS, who is working on an Accessibility for Small and Rural Libraries grant with the ALA; Kansas Talking Books; Bilingual Storytime. We will work on this in January.

Our next Newsletter is scheduled to come out in late January-early February.

### **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.

Julie brought up an idea of a possible sub-group of WALA, for retired librarians, or librarians in transition. We talked about the possibility of having a Board position for this.

Meeting adjourned and ended by 12:15 pm.

Our next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 11:30am at Watermark Books.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Buckman  
Secretary