



WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Monthly Meeting:** Monday, October 7

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

**Location:** Watermark Books

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Melissa Emo  
Hannah Adamson  
Eric Gustafson  
Julie Mills  
Parker Daniel  
Melissa Powell  
Nicole Penley  
Jeannie Booth  
Samuel Willis (zoom)  
Jessica Pierpoint (zoom)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Melissa at 11:30 a.m.

**Minutes:** The August 2024 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie reported that our current bank balance is \$2,732.32. We currently have 25 active members. She received two renewals at the September Meet & Greet and one new membership application via mail.

**SCKLS:** None.

**Webmaster/Social Media Report:** Website is up to date.

**Old Business**

September Meet & Greet was fun. Thank you to Julie for hosting and giving us a tour of Park City Public Library!

Melissa and Hannah are still planning on going through the bylaws, but have not made much progress yet.

If you have items you want to contribute to the KLA basket from WALA, please get items to Melissa or Hannah SOON.

## **New Business**

The Legislative Luncheon will take place Tuesday, November 19 at the Advanced Learning Library branch of Wichita Public Library. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. and speakers from 12:15-1 p.m. Melissa and Eric will inquire about catering options from Sweet Allie B's and Blue Moon. In 2019, there was 49 attendees. Nicole shared that SCKLS is in discussion for sponsoring a portion of the event. Ideas for speakers were discussed and requests will be sent out soon. Hannah will design an invitation and prepare a list of library directors to invite. Melissa asked if the KLA governmental affairs committee could provide some talking points.

Fall newsletter will need to go out in the next two weeks in order for it to be included in the WALA basket at KLA.

The Holiday get together will take place at Derby Public Library on Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. Ideas that are being considered: ordering pizza as a group, a cookie exchange, and an in-person book exchange or white elephant gift exchange. More information will come after the November board meeting.

## **Other Business**

Eric reminded the board that it's never too early to start planning for the Spring Symposium. A possible theme of Community Building was discussed. Melissa reminded everyone that the March library tour will take place at the new Newton Public Library. She will contact their director soon to schedule a date.

Meeting adjourned and ended at 12:15 p.m.

Our next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 11:30 am Watermark Books.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Adamson  
Vice President, acting Secretary