



WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Watermark Books

Board Members in Attendance:

Melissa Emo

Hannah Adamson

Julie Mills

Jessica Pierpoint

Heather Powell

Nicole Penley

Eric Gustafson

Samantha Henning (zoom)

Cina Shirley (zoom)

Jeannie Booth

Parker Daniel

Guest: Laura Tharman, director of Hesston College library

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

Minutes: The November 2024 minutes were approved as written. Heather moved, Jessica seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Julie received the check from our generous luncheon sponsor, SCKLS. She reported that we have 25 active, paid members.

SCKLS: Nicole reported that Sharon Barnes and Robin Hargrave are retiring from SCKLS at the end of the year. There is a joint retirement party to celebrate on Thursday, December 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Webmaster/Social Media Report: Website is up to date. Nothing new to report.

Old Business

The Legislative Luncheon went very well. Five legislators attended, as well as Wichita Public Library's board of directors. The speakers were both fantastic.

New Business

The December holiday get together will be on December 11th at 5:30 p.m. at Derby Public Library. We will host a white elephant book exchange in person. Family is invited to attend as well. WALA members are invited to bring a dessert to share. Pizza will be ordered from Pizza John's.

The Spring Library Tour will happen at Newton Public Library tentatively on Monday, March 3 to coincide with the normal board meeting date. Heather is going to reach out to Cari Cusick, director of Newton, to confirm details.

The theme for the Tanner Symposium will be Community Building. Speaker options were discussed including outreach and community partnership topics. Parker suggested we make sure each type of library is represented. Collecting possible questions ahead of time and planning for a more structured Q&A with panelists was also suggested.

Melissa reminded everyone that we will have four board member seats in addition to vice-president open in May. Please consider sharing this opportunity with your library staff.

Meeting adjourned and ended at 11:52 a.m.

Our next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 11:30 am Watermark Books.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Adamson
Vice President, acting Secretary