



Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Watermark Books

Board Members in Attendance:

Jessica Pierpoint
Julie Mills
Samantha Henning
Cina Shirley
Anne Ethan
Eric Gustafson
Samuel Willis
April Hernandez
Nicole Penley
Melissa Emo
Kathie Buckman

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

Minutes: The April 2024 minutes were approved as written. (Thanks again, Samantha.)

Treasurer's Report: Anne reported that our current bank balance is \$2,798.94. We have received 2 new memberships. Anne also shared a thank you note from Jeanette Parker's family for our donation to Barclay College.

SCKLS: No report.

Webmaster/Social Media Report: Sam reported that everything is up to date.

Old Business

The Tanner Spring Symposium, held at the Andover Public Library on April 23, 2024, was a success. We had 20 in attendance. Good speakers, good snacks. A shout out to Tom Taylor at Andover PL for offering up his space. Gift cards were given to the 3 speakers.

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Lodge in Warren Riverview Park in Derby, on May 22nd, from

11:00-1:00. Author Mike Everhart, a Kansas Paleontologist, will be our guest speaker. After some discussion, it was decided to go with McAllister's catering and do the bundle: sandwich trays, salad, dessert, and drink. WALA members will pay \$10; non-members \$15; and students will pay \$5. Pay at the door: cash or check. RSVP's will be needed by May 15th.

Melissa gave us a ballot update. We are still looking for a Secretary and a 2-year Board Member.

Melissa talked about Summer activities. She sent out a poll last month and we will participate in Twilight Tuesdays at the Zoo, on July 16th. The admission for this is \$5. The Botanica Summer Nature Pop date hasn't been announced yet.

New Business

Kathie and Melissa had some ideas about Membership. Discussed having a table at KLA, and having people sign up for free WALA memberships. Perhaps we could offer 2 free memberships....and then highlight that in our Newsletter. Kathie will send the WALA Newsletter to current Wichita area SLIM Students. It was moved and seconded to add a new membership category: a student rate, of \$5.00. This will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in May.

Meeting adjourned and ended at 12:30

Our next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 11:30 am Watermark

Books. Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Buckman
Secretary