



WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting: Monday, August 26

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Watermark Books

Board Members in Attendance:

Melissa Emo
Hannah Adamson
Eric Gustafson
Melissa Powell
Nicole Penley
Samuel Willis (zoom)
Jeannie Booth (zoom)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Melissa at 11:45.

Minutes: The May 2024 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Julie (via Melissa) reported that our current bank balance is \$2,786.16. We currently have 24 active members with 1 pending. We are prepared to start taking new memberships starting at the September meet-up.

SCKLS: None.

Webmaster/Social Media Report: Sam updated the membership form online to include Julie's information as treasurer and the addition of the \$5 student membership dues. The Leadership page is now up to date with everyone's information.

Old Business

The annual luncheon went well. Everyone enjoyed the speaker, and the location of Warren Riverview Park was excellent. Welcome to the new board members Tom Taylor, Parker Daniel, and Hannah Adamson. Thank you to Julie Mills for taking on the role of treasurer.

Summer gatherings went well, despite hot weather for Twilight Tuesday at Sedgwick County Zoo and scheduling difficulties with the Nature Pop at Botanica. Melissa took photos at both events and will send those to Heather to include in the upcoming newsletter that will be sent out in late September or early October.

New Business

Hannah presented a new design for the WALA logo since we don't have a large scale file of the original logo. The logo received two thumbs up from the board and will be implemented on the website, social media, and WALA documents.

Melissa and Hannah are reviewing the ByLaws to ensure that they include changes the board has made and are already following. If anyone has any input or opinions about the current board expectations, please let Melissa know.

The board discussed options for the September Meet and Greet. Melissa and Hannah presented options such as Top Golf, a Wichita Wind Surge game, Chicken and Pickle, and the Sandbox in Derby. Eric suggested that since this event is intended to be a membership drive and a chance to SLIM students and area librarians to network, perhaps meeting at a library to socialize and then those that wish to could head to a nearby restaurant for dinner would be better. Park City was suggested with dinner at either Cracker Barrel or the local Mexican restaurant, Goyo's. Melissa would reach out to Julie about possible dates in late September.

The board all agreed to contribute to a KLA raffle basket again and to stick with the theme of cozy since it was popular last year. Bring items to be included to the September Meet and Greet or the October board meeting. Hannah will create a new WALA information brochure to include with the basket.

Other Business

The board discussed options for the Legislative Luncheon. It was unanimously agreed that we would like to return to a catered luncheon. The target week for scheduling the luncheon will be the week of November 18. Speaker suggestions ranged from a historian, WSU professor, or an area journalist. Methods of marketing the luncheon were discussed including sending the flyer out on KanLib and inviting library directors or their staff representatives from surrounding counties including Butler, Sumner, Cowley, Reno, Harvey, and Kingman. Melissa will contact Wichita Public Library as a possible venue. Heather offered to research potential caterers. Once we have a location and price per person, Nicole would ask if SCKLS would sponsor the legislators' meals. Nicole would also research if the event would count as continuing education, which would potentially allow attendees to apply for a CE grant to cover transportation costs.

Meeting adjourned and ended at 12:45.

Our next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 11:30 am Watermark Books.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Adamson
Vice President, acting Secretary