



WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Monthly Meeting:** Monday, November 4, 2024

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

**Location:** Watermark Books

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Melissa Emo (zoom)

Hannah Adamson

Eric Gustafson

Julie Mills

Parker Daniel

Heather Powell

Nicole Penley

Jessica Pierpoint

Samantha Henning (and baby!)

Tom Taylor

Jeannie Booth (zoom)

Samuel Willis (zoom)

Cina Shirley (zoom)

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie reported that our current bank balance is \$2,822.32. We currently have 26 members with 3 left to renew. Julie mailed the \$250.00 deposit to Blue Moon Catering for the legislative luncheon.

**SCKLS:** Nicole spoke with Paul, and SCKLS still wants to donate a lump sum to sponsor the luncheon. Once Melissa gets the final head count, she will share that number with Nicole for SCKLS to discuss.

**Webmaster/Social Media Report:** Legislative Luncheon invitation was added to the website. Leadership page is up to date. Hannah and Melissa will handle Facebook.

**Old Business**

Thank you to those who donated items for the KLA raffle basket. The WALA newsletter was included in the basket.

The WALA newsletter is ready to go and will be sent out this week. The next newsletter will go out in February.

The final planning for the Legislative Luncheon on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Advanced Learning Library is under way. Blue Moon Catering will need the final attendance number by November 9<sup>th</sup>, so RSVPs are due November 8<sup>th</sup>. Denise Neil will be our keynote speaker and Jaime Nix, director of Wichita Public Library, will also speak. Invites still need to be sent to the legislators. That list will be finalized on November 6<sup>th</sup> after the election. Julie will be given an RSVP list from Melissa and will have change on hand for people who pay in person. Hannah will make nametags ahead of time. Luncheon price will be \$15 for members and students and \$20 for non-members. Julie will get giftcards from Watermark as a thank you to our speakers.

### **New Business**

The December holiday get together will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Derby Public Library. We will host a white elephant book exchange in person. More information will come soon about food options, such as potluck, cookie exchange, or ordering pizza.

Spring items were discussed. The library tour in March will take place at Newton Public Library. Cari Cusick, the director of NPL, spoke to Heather at the KLA conference about her interest in hosting the tour. The tour will likely take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to combine the tour with the regular monthly meeting, following by dinner at a local restaurant. Potential locations for dinner are Genova Italian Restaurant, Back Alley Pizza, or Casa Fiesta. Hannah suggested we invite Newton staff to dinner.

The theme for the Tanner Symposium will likely be Community Building, a broad topic that would allow for several different panel groups and/or speakers. The board discussed expanding the Tanner Symposium and potentially turning the event into a mini-conference with a continuing education credit.

Next year we will have to fill the following positions: vice-president and four regular board positions, unless Cina, Heather, Eric, and Samantha want to retain their positions on the board. The board discussed how far the bubble of WALA reaches and how many other libraries and librarians to include in our search for regular members and board members. Eric (I think) suggested creating a flyer. Melissa and Hannah will work on a flyer promoting WALA that could be sent out to other libraries.

Meeting adjourned and ended at 12:20 p.m.

Our next board meeting will be hybrid on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 11:30 am Watermark Books.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Adamson  
Vice President, acting Secretary