



Monthly Meeting: November 7, 2022

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Hybrid (in-person at Watermark Books & Café, virtual through zoom link: <https://wichitastate.zoom.us/j/93827951384?pwd=ekFsRVNCSG51czFYMDNURU5xV3RWdz09>)

Board Members in Attendance:

April Hernandez

Jessica Pierpoint

Julie Mills

Kathie Buckman

Samuel Willis

Nicole Penley

Jeannie Booth

Cina Shirley

Britten Kuckleman

Heather Powell

Board Members Absent: Anne Ethan and Loree Hickens (had emailed wouldn't be there)

Other Members in Attendance: Melissa Emo

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jessica at 11:32am

Minutes (Jessica): Motion to approve by Kathie, seconded April. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report (Anne): Bank balance as of 11/07/2022 is \$3,082.01. We also have 25 total paid memberships. 3 with checks waiting to be processed from Meet and Greet event, once processed we will have total of 28 paid memberships and a little more in the bank.

SCKLS (Nicole): Doing Freedom to Read Survey for Feb. 2023. There is a lot of good information in it.

Webmaster/Social Media Report (Samuel): Updated to WordPress 6 complete and everything looks good. Facebook event details about events to come over next week or two.

Old Business

WALA Newsletter: We will have it reviewed by board before release. There were issues in Canva with sections not displaying and people being able to log into Canva if had multiple accounts. SCKLS section was not updated. We are considering going to GoogleDoc format or give Canva one more chance. We archive things in Google Drive, so that is an option. The newsletter team will consider, but is open to advice. In Canva we could send out a PDF or link moving forward.

Please let Lorrie, Heather, Kathie, or Jessica know if you want anything added or ideas to add to the next issue of the newsletter. Shooting for February being next issue roll out.

KLA-WALA Recap: The basket was great – thanks to all those who contributed to it. The evening events went very well, too! We had over 40 people, and included good conversations about WALA.

New Business

November Legislative Luncheon Postcard: Again, skipping the luncheon for this year, but doing postcard. We have last year's postcard. We can do similar or change it out. SCKLS could include an insert for a mailer, if desired. We have time, if needed, as last year's went out in January. Jessica will send out the image for feedback. SCKLS is in a holding pattern, so policy will be greatly affected by elections results. Then we can determine what we will want to do. Kathie suggested we could do a holiday/new year's postcard instead.

WALA Holiday Party: We are bringing this back! We will do it at a neutral location. We had thought of the Alley last time (next to Chicken N' Pickle). The poll results set our date for Thursday, Dec. 15th. We still need to figure out how to work with the bowling lanes. People could wear something festive, Christmassy. We could bring goodies or recipe cards. We could do 2-3 lanes rented out from 5:30 to 8:00. Jessica wondered how we want to pay for the lanes; price is unknown at this point. We could transition from bowling to tables for fellowship. Jessica or Julie will send out Facebook event for attendance estimation, as well as Google form poll by email to mailing list, with comments to say whether coming to bowl, do the gift exchange, or both. We will figure out if we are using funds or donations to pay for the lanes – we can vote by email or at the next meeting once we know the costs.

Holiday White Elephant and Holiday Book Exchange: Britten suggested we have a white elephant exchange at the holiday party event for those who wanted. Those who want to do it in person, bring a gift. The theme could be "book" theme or just bring any white elephant gift! We could do an RSVP for the white elephant event in person and for attendance at the Alley.

For the Holiday Book Exchange, we would do normal mailing like years past. We will draw names for those interested for mailing. This will be online, promoted as before. Send name, email, and delivery address (either home or work-whichever prefer) to Kathie if wishing to participate – no later than 12/15. Last year we let people send in books by mid-January (to account for holiday closures at work).

Other Business

Spring events to come:

Library Tour (March): Evergreen Library evening meeting and tour – Anne has requested first on the list. Normally done the first Monday in March and will be tour/board meeting. Dining to be determined, but normally pick place to eat in the area. Even as a board meeting this would be open for all members.

Tanner Spring Symposium (April): Generally, mid/late-April. We cancelled last year because the speaker had a family emergency. The year before it was via Zoom. We were going to discuss resources and outreach. We could do that theme this year, with same or new speakers. Start thinking about who to invite. We do have a venue: Eric Gustafson has offered us to use his conference space for free! This is at Derby Public Library.

SLIM has a new concentration for outreach librarians. We could bring in SLIM person for the panel, if we are staying with outreach theme. SCKLS has historically reimbursed the cost of snacks for the symposium. WALA does the initial purchase. Will want to think about time frame (how long) want Symposium to last as well.

Annual Meeting (May): Mid-May, still needing to find a location. We may benefit from looking over the by-laws as well. This year we motioned for the meetings to be hybrid, and this is not in the by-laws yet, for example. We will need 2 two-year positions, 2 one-year positions, and a Vice President/President Elect. Might need to add by-law except if April and Jessica need to stay Pres/Past Pres for extra year due to no VP/Pres elect this year. Never too early to start considering who we could invite to join the board or if want to reelect yourself/try for another position. Michael Graves, Emporia author, would be more than happy to come speak. He has a new book out and was supposed to be speaker last year.

Friends University is a possibility for venue. Heather has offered to talk to her director.

As May Arise: N/A

Meeting adjourned and ended by April and seconded by Cina at 12:23pm.

Next board meeting to be held December 5th at 11:30am.

Minutes recorded by Samuel Willis