



Monthly Meeting: December 5th, 2022

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Watermark Books and via Zoom Link (Hybrid)

Board Members in Attendance:

April Hernandez

Jessica Pierpoint

Julie Mills

Kathie Buckman

Samuel Willis

Nicole Penley

Britten Kuckleman

Anne Ethen

Board Members Absent:

Heather Powell

Jeannie Booth

Other Members in Attendance:

Melissa Emo

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

Minutes (Julie): No changes and approval by Britten, seconded by Kathie.

Treasurer's Report (Anne): Current bank balance is \$3,127.01 balance with 28 current paid members.

SCKLS (Nicole): 2022 events finishing up and 2023 mid-January to have continued events list out. And SCKLS thanks us for the opportunity to do a mailer but will not do one this year.

Webmaster/Social Media Report (Samuel): Webmaster/Social Media Report: Minor website updates happening. Holiday events posted on both website and Facebook

Old Business

Legislative Holiday Postcard: April will change background instead of flag theme to snowflake winter theme-see attachment to view. We will keep same information as before. Jessica will plan to send it out in early January.

New Business

WALA Holiday Party: RSVP 10 responses- 9 total for bowling / 7-8 total for white elephant. Still have until Friday to RSVP to give idea of how many but people can still show up even if don't RSVP. Bowling lane rental looking online can only see 8 days in advance and is way more than normal due to extra charges we don't need with our lane rental (be like \$50+ person because of how they do rentals and charge lane/shoes/food and drink voucher/event fee).

We had discussion about it being harder to change event location over just sending out an update that due to bowling lane rental issues, the party will just be come and go with options for bowling/activities, food, and drink all available for purchase. So, this way if families or others want to try day of to get a lane as group they can and might be cheaper.

This use to not be an issue but someone mentioned they recently are under new management company and being post-covid they are more party oriented then we realized.

Britten was able to call and inquire if we could get around the issue if came to book in-person day of and this is what she found out: There is a way!

Thursdays there will usually be lanes available for walk in groups. There is a league on Thursday nights between 6-7 but they still have open lanes. It is about \$7 a game per person and shoe rentals are \$5. So roughly \$13 a person for one game. When I asked about lanes by the hour, they said they do not do that, but I would double check when we get there. There is a max of 6 people a lane, so we will just need to mention that to the people who want to bowl. This is a way better price then what online had.

She also found out: AJ's Bar and Grill side is buy one get one pizza night plus trivia night on Thursdays. Trivia starts at 6:30 and people begin showing up between 5:30-6 sometimes earlier to make sure they get a table. Trivia is free to play though. Our party is from 5:30-8:00 so should have at least hour before trivia would make it a little loud/busy. With the new information Britain got we just need to decide if we want to use WALA funds to try and get 2 lanes (roughly 12 people-6 to lane- \$78/13per person) the day of or worse case if unable to get lane we just leave it up to party guests. Also since there is trivia thought we could mention day of party we will have some tables on the food side for everyone to meet and then migrate over to bowling area later/throughout party time. I plan to get there at 5pm (early) so will use RSVP count to try and reserve a few tables that way we don't have to worry.

Holiday Book Exchange: We have four so far but have until Dec 15th at party to let Kathie know. She will send out who you have either the next day or that following Monday.

Spring Reminders:

Library Tour: Anne we know you wanted first offer on list (highlighted as reminder to get in touch with me/respond answer). Would Evergreen still be willing to invite us for tour/let us have board meeting location Monday, March 6th (in past been meet between 5/6pm). This would be in place of Watermark earlier in the day and we could plan on dinner afterwards somewhere nearby for those that want to socialize. (Update-Anne response is we are cleared to have library tour and board meeting March 6th at Evergreen).

Tanner Spring Symposium: Derby Public Library (free location). Will want to think about when in mid-April and how long (1-4 like use to with snacks or more of luncheon). Speakers/Theme (same as tried to do last year)/potential guest

Annual Meeting: Heather mentioned last meeting maybe being able to reach out to director about us having it as Friends University (highlighted as reminder to get in touch with me/respond answer). If not, other ideas in mind? Normally held in mid-May. (Update-Heather gathered more information about Annual Meeting for her Director)

Other Business

Watermark will be closed due to in-house inventory on our February meeting date of the 6th. They have asked if we would like a different date, or we can just opt to have a fully virtual meeting. Thoughts/vote? (Jessica emailed them we would be fine to just have full virtual meeting that month)

Next meeting to be January 9th over January 2nd due to holiday shutdown.

My IT people know this already and older past presidents all have had this happen to them but seems when your WALA President spam mail gets attached to your name. If you receive any spam emails that don't sound like me or are asking for favors not normal for me to send out. Please junk mail and don't respond since they are SPAM.

Due to technical difficulties the virtual attendees were unable to attend the 2nd half of the meeting and Jessica sent an email to the board outlining the rest of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned and ended at 12:31 pm.

Next board meeting to be held on Monday, January 9th 2023, at 11:30am.