The meeting was called to order by Marla Wigton, President, at 9:24 am. She acknowledged the meeting as the first of the new KASL year, and welcomed guests and new council members.

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. Members attending were:
Marla Wigton, President/Historian
Martha House, President Elect/Webmaster
Nancy McFarlin, Past President/Advocacy/Government Affairs
Rachel Yoder, Secretary
Brenda Lemon, Treasurer
Julie Doyen, Assistant Treasurer
Ruth McCauley, Promotions Chair
Mary Hobson, Professional Excellence
Tonya Foster, KLFA Representative/District I Assistant Director
Beverley Buller, William Allen White Liason
Carol Higley, District IV Director

Guests attending were:
Melendra Sanders, NCKLS Youth Consultant
Janea Lawrence

Attendees introduced themselves with their names, locations, and something they planned to implement this year.

Minutes from the April meeting were presented. Nancy McFarlin moved to approve minutes as presented. Martha House seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer (Brenda Lemon):**
- Brenda passed out expenditures so far this year. She clarified what the different columns mean on the spreadsheet and explained that because the new budget year began July 1st, there were just a few expenditures so far.
- She will present this year's budget at conference for approval.
- This year's expenditures to the Gaming Conference (Fall Forum) are being done differently since the President/President Elect are not attending. One is coming out of awards like normal, the other out of contingency.
- Martha moved to approve the 2016-2017 budget, Mary Hobson seconded. Motion carried.
**Assistant Treasurer (Julie Doyen):**
- New merchandise includes business card holders and possibly a stylus. Julie will look for those to be ready for fall conference.

**President Elect (Martha House):**
- Martha’s report is in the shared Google Drive.
- KLA accepted all changes and correction on the memorandum of understanding for the fall conference. Since then she and Janelle Mercer, KLA conference coordinator, have been working very amicably. They are currently working on the schedule for conference. They will be contacting people who submitted concurrent session proposals with details. The registration committee has met and plans are underway.
- Martha met with the executive board of KLA several weeks ago concerning a merger between KLA and KASL. Through conversation, Martha learned KLA fees are linked to salaries. Because of experience and typical teacher salaries, most KASL membership fees would be $60-$90 plus section fees. Fee structure would need to be worked out before a merger happens. Nancy asked about the discussion other than the fees; Martha responded she and they are still very positive about it and feel it is overdue, but it is slow moving forward.

**Government Affairs (Nancy McFarlin):**
- Nancy reminded everyone to vote! KNEA has put out a suggested list, and GameOn Kansas has done positive things. Marla Wigton went to the most recent meeting of KLFA; Amy Gilliland and Tonya Foster will be the representatives going forward.

**Historian (Marla Wigton):**
- Marla has finished the 2014-2015 scrapbook. The hard copy is available at the meeting and is also posted online. She is currently working on the 2016-2017 scrapbook.

**William Allen White Award (Beverley Buller):**
- Her report is in Google Drive. Currently the committee is considering 94 books. They are choosing the 2017-2018 list a little early this year. The meeting will be August 27. 60% of people present at the meeting have to have read each title. A new KASL member will be joining the committee to replace Julie Detter.
- They are planning for the awards ceremony October 1 at Red Rocks in Emporia. Sharon Creech and Chris Grabenstein will be attending. T-shirts will be available at the ESU bookstore. Criteria for autographing is being discussed. Signing will happen the night before from 5:00-6:30 pm and is free to attend.
- Michelle Hammond is the new ESU SLIM Dean and will serve as Executive Secretary for the WAW Committee. She and Beverley will be introducing the 2017-2018 Master Lists at fall conference.
- Ruth McCauley led development of questions for Battle of the Books over WAW books last year. She will continue in that role this year.
Professional Excellence (Mary Hobson):

- Mary’s report is in Google Drive. The Fall Founders Scholarship is going to Amy Vanderweide. Cathy Pagot from Hutchinson will be working with Mary to be chair of the committee next year.

Break for lunch. During lunch, the TedX talk by Mark Ray, “Changing the Conversation about Librarians,” was shown.

Advocacy (Nancy McFarlin):

- Brenda Lemon presented on what she does in her district. She shared that she has come to the realization that “if she doesn’t toot her own horn, someone else will toot theirs.” She shared the conversation she had with her new superintendent. She highlighted the tech tips she sends out every Tuesday, and described how she presents to her staff at the beginning of every year (this year will present on the AASL Best Websites). She walked through the process of how she became a Level 1 Google Certified Educator and encouraged all of us to work on certification to prove our worth in our districts. Discussion continued on how to promote ourselves as tech leaders as well as typical/traditional work of the library.
- Nancy introduced advocacy efforts from various groups, including Libraries Transform Learning (AASL), Rosen’s EveryLibrary (PAC) ESSA Implementation, the AASL ESSA and Advocacy site, Future Ready Librarians (Librarians Connect Follett), and KansasCan.
- KASL is beginning an Advocacy initiative. The goal is to educate KSBE and stakeholders in general how school librarians ensure student success. We want to make sure school librarians are included in ESSA accreditation. A social media campaign will begin to show what school librarians do. Follow @ksschoollib and use #kaslks and #kansascan.
- Have at least one librarian send a pre-designed letter to state school board representatives talking about why school librarians are so important and need to be included in Kansas ESSA. Make sure when the time comes KASL members are serving on committees and submitting public comment. Another goal is to make members aware of school library supporters and improve communication with them.
- Discussion included how best to get the word out. Messages should be specific to ESSA. Nancy will share wording through social media accounts so members can stay consistent with talking points to use. One possibility is to introduce to members with small video ScreenCastify. Should include the Regional Library Systems and as many stakeholders as possible to develop partnerships.
- Ideas for a theme included:
  School Librarians
  Transform Learning
  Empower Learners
  Are Future Ready
  Connect
  Have Instructional Leadership? Help students and staff? Honor Knowledge?

Or
School Librarians
Transform Learning
Energetically Lead
Are Future Ready
Connect, Compute, Create
Help Students Ask Good Questions and Answer Them Too

● First message to be posted on social media will be:
School Librarians Prepare to Ensure Student Success. (Post a photo of library prep or something you are doing to prepare for the beginning of school.)

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.