

KASL Council Meeting
April 22, 2017 9:00 am
Evangel PCA
Wichita, KS

The meeting was called to order by Marla Wigton, President, at 9:10 am.

Roll call was by sign-in. Those in attendance were:

Marla Wigton, President

Martha House, President-Elect

Lucas Loughmiller, Future President-Elect/LMS Director Chair

Barb Bahm, Executive Secretary

Brenda Lemon, Treasurer

Julie Doyen, Assistant Treasurer

Rachel Yoder, Secretary

Ruth McCauley, Promotions Chair

Tonya Foster, Technology Chair/District I Director

Mary Hobson, Professional Excellence Chair

Gail Becker, District III Director

Jason Hibbs, District II Director

Rachel Hodges, District IV Director

Hilary Watson, District V Director

Cyndie Aumiller, District VI Director

Guests:

Anna Foote, NEKLS

Mary Boller, NWKLS

Christie Snyder, CKLS

Melendra Sanders, NCKLS

Robin Hargrave, SCKLS

Sandy Wilkerson, SEKLS

Marla introduced the Library Systems reps who are attending today.

Marla shared a video she created to introduce/review WAW books using Adobe Spark video, technology she learned at professional development offered through KASL.

Minutes from the February meeting were presented. Motion made by Tonya Foster, seconded by Lucas Loughmiller. Motion passed.

Reports:

Treasurer (Brenda Lemon):

- April treasurer's report in Google Drive, updated as of Friday.
- Brenda reminded district directors to give any income or money as well as budget reports from districts to her.
- The budget for 2017-2018 is included in Google Drive. It is exactly the same as this year. Brenda thought it was best to approve it now in light of the possibility of merging. Can change next year if applicable. Lucas motioned to approve the budget, Ruth seconded. Motion passed.

Assistant Treasurer (Julie Doyen):

- She is working on some new merchandise for the fall such as a large portfolio.
- KSDE keeps reminding the ESSA board that things could change any day. Julie talked to Randy Watson and Brad Neuenswander about the possibility of a KSDE panel at fall conference, and they took information. The next ESSA meeting is in June.

Professional Excellence (Mary Hobson):

- Mary Hobson announced scholarships. They included:
 - Summer scholarship: Meghan Chapman.
 - Distinguished Service Award: Lana Evans.
 - Distinguished LMS Award: Amy Brownlee.
 - Vision Award: Brenda Lemon.Award winners will be honored at the luncheon during fall conference.
- The committee is made up of six members, one from each of the districts. Mary is chair and posts when awards are due. Six members vote. Discussion should take place concerning how members are selected for the committee; some would like to continue but some don't. Cathy Paget will take over as chair upon Mary's retirement this spring.

Past-President (Nancy McFarlin, not present):

- Nancy sent out election information for next year earlier this spring. Brenda Lemon will serve as Treasurer and Rachel Yoder will serve as Secretary again next year. Lucas was elected as President-Elect for next year.

District Directors shared about successes of the Spring Workshops. Barb Bahm reminded directors to pick one attendee from spring workshops to receive a free membership for next year. Also, there is a checklist available for District Directors if desired.

System Libraries Presentation:

- Melendra Sanders from NCLKS introduced System Library representatives. There are seven different systems in the state. Each rep shared some of what she does to work with school and public librarians. They all have consultant in their titles and are open to listening and talking about what school librarians need.

- Continuing education a priority in several systems along with collaboration between school and public librarians and having materials available to loan out.

District Workshop Restructuring Discussion:

- Several ideas were presented as possible restructuring of district workshops: moving workshops to the summer, collaborating with the system libraries, merging two districts to have three locations instead of six. Agreement about the benefits of merging two districts to host a workshop, but many thought keeping it in the spring would be better because of other professional development opportunities in June and time off in July.
- Lucas moved that for the next two years we consolidate district workshops from six to three in interest of efficiency and collaboration. Jason Hibbs seconded the motion.
- Discussion that followed included balancing the priority of meeting together face-to-face versus meeting virtually but also including technology and incorporating community resources. Idea presented of having a central location for workshops each year. Another benefit of consolidating workshops is easing the work of directors.

As part of the conversation, Barb reminded the group ESU is no longer offering the Summer Institute but is offering a day camp instead. Plans are being made for three locations: Norton, Hutchinson, Topeka. It will be minimal cost, and the goal will be for you to work with the new standards with others from your district.

Break at 10:48. Reconvene at 11:02.

- Important points regarding restructuring workshops are:
 - Consolidating the workshops to have three instead of six by combining Districts 1 & 4, 2 & 3, 5 & 6 in order to help raise attendance and spread the responsibilities with more people working together.
 - Explore the option of having technology available so people can attend virtually as well as having some way to track registration to see if virtual attendance is worthwhile.
 - Work with the system libraries.
- Lucas amended his previous motion to include the pairings of districts, also include possible virtual attendance as determined by regional directors. Jason seconded. Amended motion passed.

Possible Merge with KLA Discussion:

- Budget committee (Marla, Brenda, Lucas, Martha House) met several weeks ago in Manhattan. They went through line by line to talk about what we need to survive as organization. Marla created an overview of pros and cons, also sent a survey out to the listserv. 39 responses were received. Opinions across the spectrum were expressed. Survey results were shared.
- Much discussion about financial situation of both merging and not merging.

- Discussion about what benefit we receive by being KLA members: continuing education fund. Less responsibility for leaders because of being under the KLA umbrella.
- Some expressed that because KLA is restructuring as well, now is the time to make a change if we're going to.
- Discussion about changes to conference--having our own vs. together with KLA, what our own might look like, what is financially beneficial, etc.

As a break from the KLA discussion, Marla presented a video as a reflection for long-time members who are retiring and stepping down from KASL: Mary Hobson, Ruth McCauley, and Barb Bahm.

Break for lunch at 12:20. Reconvened at 1:19.

Continued discussion about KLA merger:

- Decision to make regarding whether or not Martha should continue to work on a draft contract document with KLA.
- Timeline for possible merge: we would stay as KASL for the next two years. Next year is a joint conference, and work has begun on that. 2018-2019 would be one last KASL conference, and June 2019 the merge would go into effect.
- Martha would work on a draft and ask for feedback more than once. By the August council meeting she would have a better idea of what it would look like.
- Financial issues and conference issue still the sticking point, but voting to have Martha move forward just means we should continue looking at the possible merge. It would still go out to members for a vote, probably at fall conference.
- Cyndie Aumiller moved that Martha continues work on a draft for a merge with KLA. Rachel Hodges seconded. Nine voted in favor; the motion carried. Martha, Marla, and Lucas will continue work on a draft.

Marla shared a reflection video on her year as president-elect and two years as president of KASL. Marla officially passed the gavel to Martha. Martha gave a gift to Marla in appreciation for her service. Several members expressed their appreciation to retiring members of KASL.

Rachel Hodges motioned to adjourn. Jason seconded. Adjourned at 1:47.

The next council meeting will be held August 5, 2018 in Lindsborg.