The meeting was called to order by Martha House, President, at 9:05 am.

Roll call was by list. Members attending were:
Martha House, President
Marla Wigton, Past-President/Historian/Social Media
Julie Doyen, Assistant Treasurer
Rachel Yoder, Secretary
Barb Bahm, Executive Secretary
Jackie Lakin, KSDE
Bev Buller, WAW
Robin Hargrave, SCKLS
Christy Snyder, Advocacy
Cyndie Aumiller, District V/VI
Katie Greving, District I/IV
Rachel Hodges, District I/IV, Social Media
Hillary Watson, District V/VI
Jason Hibbs, District II/III


Reports:

Treasurer (Brenda Lemon, absent):
- Martha presented an update in Brenda’s absence. She went through budget as it stands now.
- This week Brenda was a victim of fraud. They stole a little over $4000 out of KASL checking account. Will file report for audit.

Assistant Treasurer (Julie Doyen):
- The merchandise bags are organized for districts to take in January for workshops. Merchandise is also ready to go for conference.
- She went to the first ESSA advisory council meeting in July. The document will be open for public comment this month. They are trying to take care of compliance but also want to be open to how things should be in Kansas; they want to hear our comments. Martha has reviewed plans from other states, especially in regards to how school libraries are included. Martha’s goal is for school libraries to be mentioned in Kansas’s document.

State Library Board (Amy Gilliland, absent):
• Highlights from Amy’s report: Jo Budler is retiring. Cyndie Roupe will be the interim director until the position is filled. System reports were reviewed and approved. House bill 2202 is changing the way library appointees are selected--county commissioners responsible for that rather than governor. There is not a good method currently, so systems will be working on that.

KSDE (Jackie Lakin):
• She is pleased there is opportunity for public comment on ESSA document. When standards were approved they were highly complimentary of school librarians. Dr. Watson was also supportive of the role. She emphasized the support we have and the potential for us to have a voice.
• Goals for school librarians will include: social-emotional growth measures, kindergarten readiness, Individual Plans of Study. For example, Jackie is the representative for iStation. Preschoolers can use that too, all with kindergarten readiness in mind. Also, the board will be looking at how districts are doing that. The commissioner wants to look at other ways HS students can get credit--could even be community based (community choir for music credit, outside sports for PE, etc.). Each student should be able to develop their plan of study.
• Jackie’s work is now designed around the five goals of the KansansCan implementation, and to justify her work around these goals. In the same way, discussion included suggestions about how we as librarians could tie our work to goals as well.

William Allen White Award Committee (Bev Buller):
• 128 books are being considered this year. The committee will meet Sept 9 to choose titles for 2018-19. There is no set number for lists, and books cannot be considered if 60% of people who are present at the meeting have not read them.
• Amanda Harrison, Debra Vance, Benjamin Matthews are the KASL reps; there are also three from the KLA children’s section. Debra’s term will be up after the September meeting, so KASL executive council will be choosing a new rep today. There is also an at-large person every year.
• Both authors will be present at the celebration, being held Oct. 6-7. This is the 65th year of the award. Later in the day on the 7th there will be a legacy event to honor William Allen White. The executive director of the awards program is redesigning some of the incentives for students to read.
• The executive director is proposing a new way for lists to be shared at spring workshops based on her experience last spring. She is suggesting showing a video like they did for the Dodge City workshop last year. Another suggestion was made to have a committee member do the book talks. Bev acknowledged her enjoyment of doing the book talks and thinks that since there will be just three workshops this year maybe she can attend all three.

SLIM at ESU (Bev Buller):
Andrew Smith has been the school library coordinator at SLIM. Because he is taking a sabbatical, Bev will become the new school library coordinator. Mirah Dow contacted Bev and said there is now some money for professional development at ESU. Discussion surrounded when and what that will look like. They are open to suggestions.

**Executive Director (Barb Bahm):**
- Barb sent out a reminder email about renewing membership in KASL. Since then, 20 more people have had communication with her. Some discussion centered around when to do renewals: didn’t do it at district workshops last year, but maybe with three workshops it will work better. Also, if decision is made to merge this will look different because KLA will be in charge of membership.
- She has left $10,000 in the budget for conference monies.

**Past-President (Marla Wigton):**
- Marla and Martha got together in June to work on the transition to a new president coming in, and it’s been smooth. She will continue to work on updating guidelines, but it could change depending on decision to merge with KLA. She is planning to attend the AASL conference in November with scholarship winner Tonya Foster.
- Marla is also the historian and has continued to print scrapbooks. They used the display board at NEKLS workshop this summer and will use it at conference, so she is updating pictures. She will also work on the facebook page.


**President (Martha House):**
- Martha shared a thank you letter from KLA’s president for the money KASL gave for the lobbyist.
- She shared a reminder about having conversations regarding membership, giving an example of an elementary librarian in her district. She sent out an email to the listserv with a graphic as a membership push.
- The rough schedule for the KLA conference has been shared; Thursday and Friday are typically more school librarian focused.
- She shared information she received regarding a possible grant opportunity through KU regarding supporting CTE teachers and data literacy. A grant was submitted last year but turned down; they were told to include other entities, including school librarians. She sent a letter on behalf of KASL supporting what they are doing. If they get the grant will need at least one more school librarian to participate.
- There is information on the KASL blog about her experiences at AASL Affiliate this past summer with Lucas Loughmiller.
- An update on the possible merge: KASL and KLA have come to agreement on almost everything except how money will be handled. They currently want it to flow through the KLA treasurer, but that does not make KASL efficient. One compromise is quarterly reports to KLA; another compromise is that anything over $500 goes through KLA but smaller
amounts are handled by KASL. KLA will discuss options at their next board meeting and will hopefully be able to compromise so there is something ready for approval at conference. Initially the plan was to have a buffer year (2018-19), but if it passes in October, the merge would go into effect next year. KASL would attend the MPLA conference as a section next fall, then in the spring we would possibly have our own conference.

ESSA Work
Attendees split into three groups to look at the comment spreadsheet Martha created: professional development (including district directors), advocacy, and technology. Groups looked at places we can submit comments and discussed other stakeholders we can have submit comments on our behalf.

By consensus, it was decided there would be no baskets for districts this year at conference. Also, the district director will get the free membership each year going forward.

Break for lunch at 12:00. Reconvened at 12:45.

Announcement: Melissa Carlson will be the new KASL rep on the WAW committee.

Committees reported on work before lunch.
*Professional Development* (district workshops), Marla:
- Explained which comment they submitted on the ESSA document.
- Talked about dates and locations for district workshops.
  - Districts I/IV will be at Meadows Elementary in Topeka March 10.
  - Districts II/III still working on date and location.
  - Districts V/VI looking at a location in Scott City, centrally located, on April 7.
- Discussed social media: what is included on the website, who contributes to account and what should content be. Questions: what do we want social media for? What do we include? Is it more about advocacy?

*Advocacy*, Christy:
- Discussed materials Jackie can send to regional library systems. Also making sure school libraries are involved with the redesign project of which seven districts will be chosen to be a part. Other suggestions included inviting state school board members to events, submitting public comments during state board meetings, working with junior colleges and regional library systems to help host career fairs, showcase resources available on the state library website.

*Technology*, Martha:
- Group sent most of the time working on ways to comment on the ESSA document as well as other stakeholders who might submit comments too. Reminder to not submit comments on school time and also be cognizant of what is being sent from school email addresses.
Next Council Meeting

- Tentative next meeting date of January 20 or February 17, 2018. Discussion surrounded whether meeting as an entire council is necessary. Proposal presented to have district directors meet separately from executive council, and possibly individual committees as well, and then meet again as council in April. Martha will be confirm that later in the fall. There will be a membership meeting at conference in October.
- The spring council meeting will be held April 21, 2018 at Evangel PCA in Wichita.

Martha adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.