KASL Executive Council Meeting
January 13, 2018 2:30 pm
Council Grove High School
Council Grove, KS

The meeting was called to order by Martha House, President, at 2:35 pm.
Members present:
Martha House, President
Julie Doyen, Assistant Treasurer
Marla Wigton, Past-President
Lucas Loughmiller, President-Elect
Rachel Yoder, Secretary
Brenda Lemon, Treasurer

To begin, each of us wrote down our top three priorities for maintaining as part of KASL. Three themes emerged: conferences/workshops, the listserv, and connection to AASL and its resources. Other ideas mentioned that could be included within those three were: advocacy, collaboration, and social media.

Council Meetings:
There was discussion about how to move forward with KASL Council meetings. The goal will be to have one face to face meeting per year as well as having some meetings remotely. Council will still meet this coming April, then plan to have an August council meeting, a membership meeting at KLA conference in October, committee meetings next winter, and a remote meeting next spring.

Budget:
Executive council went line by line through the budget, discussing expenses, what was important to keep in the budget and what could be cut back. Some expenses that were discussed to cut were mileage to $2000, council meeting expenses, Executive Secretary expenses, Secretary expenses, Assistant Treasurer expenses, Committee expenses, and Digital Promotions. Discussion also included what to do about merchandise. Council agreed it is much more work than what is gained from it, and is not a priority right now. Council also considered possible ways to consolidate money in the scholarship funds. Martha will explore options we may have. At the end of the discussion council had ways to cut about ⅔ of the budget.

As council discussed income, we brainstormed possible ways to continue providing conference opportunities. Discussion included have a KASL conference every year, or every other year alternating with the larger KLA conference. We also recognized the importance of having district workshops each spring. We ended with a beginning budget in place, knowing things may change as we experience the merge with KLA this summer.
Leadership:
We brainstormed ideas of people who might be able to step into leadership roles. The role of Secretary will need to be filled this spring as Rachel Yoder transitions to District Director coordination.
As KASL transitions to being a part of KLA, it was discussed to possibly hold steady this coming year so that Martha would continue as President and Lucas as President-Elect through 2018-2019. Julie expressed interest in serving as President, but not right after Lucas. We discussed the advantages of finding someone for the year between Lucas and Julie and having them come on board to serve as President-Elect two years. It would help the person in that role more easily learn the scope of the position. Marla will talk to people about filling vacant roles.

District Workshops/Fall Conference:
We brainstormed names of authors for a keynote speaker for the fall conference in 2018.

We reviewed the locations and dates of each of the district workshops. Martha will attend the workshop in Garden City, Marla will attend Topeka's and Wichita's, and Lucas will attend in Topeka. Before the first workshop, Martha will write talking points to be shared at the workshops.

The spring council meeting will be held Saturday, April 21 at Manhattan Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.