Martha House, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She reviewed the agenda and voting procedures.

Roll call was taken by individual introductions. Those in attendance were:
Martha House, President
Nancy Bolton, District I/IV
Ann Schuster
Lucas Loughmiller, President-Elect
Rachel Yoder, Secretary
Brenda Lemon, Treasurer
Barb Bahm, Executive Secretary
Katie Kohlasch, District I/IV
Gayle Irwin, District V/VI
Mechele Thompson, District V/VI
Kristy Oborny, District V/VI
Rachel Hodges, Social Media/Incoming Secretary
Robin Hargrave, SCKLS
Shelley Davis, District II/III Assistant Director
Christie Snyder, Advocacy
Amy Brownlee, Advocacy
Amber Ovsak, District I/IV
Marla Wigton, Past President/Historian/Social Media

District representatives gave verbal reports on the three Spring Workshops.

Minutes from the August 2017 council meeting were presented. After discussion on one point concerning payment for district directors’ registrations, a motion was made by Mechele Thompson to accept the minutes. Christy Snyder seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Reports:
Past-President (Marla Wigton):

- One of the roles of past-president is being responsible for elections. Marla put together a slate for secretary and president-elect in 2019-2020. Rachel Hodges will run for secretary and Tonya Foster will run for president-elect. This ballot will be sent to the listserv and posted on the web before May 1, giving members a chance to look at the information before voting. Julie Doyen has agreed to follow Tonya Foster as president-elect but she will not be on the ballot since that is several years down the road.
**Assistant Treasurer (Julie Doyen):**
- Not present. Her report is available in the Google Drive folder for this council meeting.

**Treasurer (Brenda Lemon):**
- She reviewed the April budget, noting that the state conference check was not included. She also noted the $2000 expenditure for Summer Institute and that she expects that money to be reimbursed. Lucas Loughmiller made a motion to accept the April budget as presented. Amy Brownlee seconded. The April budget was approved.
- Brenda passed out the 2018-2019 to be discussed during new business.

**William Allen White Report (Beverley Buller):**
- Not present. Her report is available in the Google Drive folder for this council meeting.
- A short discussion took place in regards to the Bill Martin reading list in light of the news that the Kansas Reading Association is disbanding.

**Executive Secretary (Barb Bahm):**
- She reported on her final activities, since the executive secretary role is ending due to the upcoming merger with Kansas Library Association (KLA). She also explained what she is transferring over to the treasurer.
- Martha acknowledged Barb for her dependability, her long standing work as executive secretary, and her support of KASL.

**President (Martha House):**
- Martha paid special attention to attendance at district workshops this year, since that was one reason for combining districts. At all three workshops, attendance was about one-third of total membership. She felt there was good attendance at all three and that all three felt vibrant. She is fully prepared to continue with workshops next year in the same pattern as this year.
- She led a discussion about school library positions being advertised right now. Nancy Bolton mentioned that when she began as a school librarian she had no idea KASL existed until another librarian invited her to a conference. Barb mentioned practice in the past when KASL made an effort to go to library schools to advertise. She also encouraged more efforts to encourage participation from retired librarians.
- Concerning the registration process for joining KLA, she heard from a representative this week. That person said they are working to get a new dues process in place right now, and once that is in place they will start a membership push. July 1st is when the merge goes into place, so August is when a new membership push will most likely happen.
- She reviewed plans for the KLA conference this fall, October 24-26 at the Hyatt in Wichita. They are working with MPLA this year to plan the conference. She encouraged KASL members to put in proposals for the conference. Leisl Shurtliff will be the KASL luncheon speaker this year. Last year KASL attendance was 94 (about one-third of total membership), and total attendance was 502. Last year’s share of conference monies for KASL was over $5000.
● She and Lucas will be going to the ALA’s annual conference this summer. She highlighted the excellent support ALA and AASL are offering right now, and said they will reporting back on what they learn.

● She highlighted Summer Institute at Emporia State University July 23. Gwyneth Jones will be the keynote speaker.

● She reviewed plans for committee work after the break. Committees working were Professional Development/District Directors led by Rachel Yoder, Leadership led by Martha, Advocacy and Promotions led by Christie Snyder.

● She reviewed future meeting dates: August 4 will be a full council meeting at Evangel Presbyterian Church in Wichita; winter committee meeting like this year but no full council meeting; an executive council meeting January 12, 2019 in Council Grove; and a full council meeting via Zoom April 13, 2019.

Reminders given about the mileage vouchers and payment for breakfast and lunch. Barb gave an update on Jackie Lakin and her support of school librarians across the state as well as Barb’s new role at KSDE.

Break at 10:30. Reconvene for committee work until noon, then break for lunch. Reconvene at 12:45.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy and Promotions (Christie Snyder):

● They are thinking about submitting a proposal for the administrator’s conference in October. Lucas suggested using a book as a resource. Christy mentioned asking three to four librarians and principals to be on a panel as part of the session. Brenda made a suggestion about the title and description of the session in order to increase their chances of being accepted.

● They are working on making templates to outline how school libraries/librarians support the new AASL standards so all librarians have to do is fill in the information. Robin has been working with AASL, asking them to include “school libraries” across their standards images. She feels like she is developing a relationship with them because they have been open to dialogue about it. Amy Brownlee asked if there is money available to support this work. After discussion, it was decided it would not be added to the budget until it is clearer where KASL’s budget stands and how much the committee will need.

● The advocacy page on the website is out of date. Martha is still the webmaster; they can send her the updated information and she will change it.

Professional Development/District Directors (Rachel Yoder):

● Rachel highlighted the discussion directors had about making sure all area librarians know about district workshops. She asked if there is a way to get a list of all school librarians, and Robin Hargrave responded that it is illegal to share lists. Barb said she sent lists of people who hadn’t renewed and gave those to district directors last year. Martha said she could distribute information to colleges. Barb said with Jackie’s support, she could possibly add
the fall conference and district workshops to the state calendar of upcoming events. She will also push the standards committee to begin work on a crosswalk of the national and state standards.

New Business:

- During committee work, the Leadership committee discussed making a change to when officers take on new roles to right after conference rather than June 1. The timing is awkward right now. They would also like to extend the current president, past-president, and president-elect terms through 2018-2019. Mechele made a motion to extend the positions. Katie Kohlasch seconded. The motion passed. Rachel Yoder made a motion to change the beginning of term of office from June 1 to November 1. Kristy Oborny seconded. Discussion included the reasoning of why this change is being proposed, helping officers learn their positions and make them more manageable. The motion passed. Brenda asked about one more motion, changing the names of officer positions, but it was decided that is a by-law change that would happen at another point.

- Made a motion to recommend Tonya Foster as second vice-president and Rachel Hodges as secretary for the next term. Mechele Thompson seconded. Once approved, this ballot will go to the membership for approval as soon as it is ready. The motion passed.

- 2018-2019 Budget. Currently, the line item for ALA Midwinter has been dropped, and concern was expressed about that. If finances are good after summer institute that line could possibly be put back. This budget is an estimate and after this year will have a better idea of how realistic it is. Martha said it needed to be accepted by council before taking it to the membership. Amy Brownlee made the motion to accept the 2018-2019 budget with changes as recommended. Shelley Davis seconded. The motion passed. Brenda will make the changes and email out before sending to the membership.

- Reimbursement for District Directors. Discussion took place on whether reimbursement would be for the $16 KASL section fees or $56 for KLA dues. Consensus was that there is enough money to pay the $56 and that the investment is worth all the work the directors do. Christie motioned to reimburse district directors $56 for KLA membership and KASL section membership. Lucas seconded. The motion passed. Marla reminded the group that this replaces the discussion of free membership for someone at the district workshops.

Christie reminded the group that regional system consultants would be happy to help with district workshops, give presentations, do registrations, etc. Martha acknowledged the consultants’ support and said it did not go unnoticed that all consultants were present at the council meeting last spring. She also gave credit to Christie for her work to make the Summer Institute happen. She gave appreciation to Christie on behalf of KASL.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.
Next council meeting will be August 4, Evangel Presbyterian Church, Wichita.