Spring Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 24, 2021
9:30 a.m.
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9:30 a.m.:
- Welcome/Meeting Call to Order was made by Tonya Foster.
- Approve Agenda - Julie motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Rachel Yoder seconded. Motion passed.
- Attendance - Tonya Foster, Martha House, Rachel Hodges, Jane Burton, Julie Doyen, Amanda Harrison, Tammie Benham, Leslie Weishaar, Karen Wilson, Rachel Yoder, Robin Hargrave, Gail Becker, and Christie Snyder.
- Approval of Minutes (Rachel Hodges) - minutes were shared and Amanda Harrison motioned to approve the minutes as is, Julie Doyen seconded. Motion passed.

Reports:
- Treasurer’s Report -
  - Amanda Harrison presented the financial report. Jane Burton motioned to approve the report with the change of the workshop membership reimbursement fees., Martha House seconded. Motion passed.
  - Amanda presented the 2021-2022 Projected Budget including lowering the membership income and adjusting the Gagliardo CD amount. Martha House made the motion to approve, Julie Doyen seconded. Council approved and membership will vote on it during officer elections.
  - Asst. Treasurer’s Report - We are not using merchandise anymore, Julie filed a report showing no income.

- Past President Report (Martha House) -
  - Officers:
    - Rachel Yoder has agreed to run for 2nd Vice President.
    - Amanda Harrison has agreed to run for another term as KASL Treasurer.

  - Martha will send out the ballot to KASL members via a Google Form next week.
  - If the budget for 2021-22 is ready, I’ll send it out for membership approval as well.
○ **Guidelines:**
  - Normally the past president updates the Guidelines, but we did that thoroughly when we joined KLA, and they reflect how we operate right now pretty closely. [https://www.ksschoollibrarians.org/?page_id=147](https://www.ksschoollibrarians.org/?page_id=147)

○ **Kansas Library Association Conference** will be October 27-29 at Hyatt in Wichita (as of now, it will be in person) - [Call for Proposals](https://www.ksschoollibrarians.org/?page_id=147) form is available. Would like to have a lot of great presentations from our School Library folks.

- **Website Report:**
  - The plan is to work on content updates this summer along with a general theme update.
  - They aren’t updating the current theme, and though I really like it, it is going to start giving me trouble if I don’t switch to something new.

- 2nd VP Report (Julie Doyen) - Julie Doyen is slated to move up as 1st Vice President, but due to family issues needs to possibly step aside for now and let Gail move up sooner.

- 1st VP (Gail Becker) - Gail said she could step up if Julie needed to step down for now. Gail said she enjoyed the sessions at the Southeast District workshop Tabitha put together.

- President’s Report (Tonya Foster) - Tonya apologized because she felt like she has failed KASL due to everything that has come up with her job and life from the pandemic. Tonya’s job got changed due to the pandemic and wasn’t working in the library.

- **Districts Workshop Reports:**
  - Southeast Tabitha Hogan, Director; Christy Reams, Asst. Director - They held a virtual workshop April 10th - They hosted Indiana university professors talking about information and recognizing fake news and using the SIFT method. [Here is the link](https://youtu.be/kp8y9RGp7Gk) for the workshop recording. The new Assistant Director that was voted in will be Heather Kelly.
  - Northeast - Nancy Bolton, Director; Alice Reinert, Asst. Director - This workshop was cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation in their county currently. Tonya asked if Alice is ready to step up as Director to do next year’s and who would be the assistant? Tonya discussed that she might be able to possibly recruit someone else in the same Topeka area that could help Alice.
West - Jane Burton and Gayle Irwin, Directors; Karen Wilson, Asst. Director - This workshop was cancelled due to lack of interest likely due to the pandemic. They had one registration. Karen is willing to take over but will need help and we will need to recruit someone as an Assistant. Jane will look into asking Jennifer Burns as their possible next Assistant Director.

- Awards (Cathy Paget) - AASL conference - Tonya will send out email asking for interest.
- WAW/SLIM (Bev Buller) - Tonya will need to send out a request for a new WAW committee member to be voted on in August. **No action needed**

**William Allen White Children’s Book Awards**

Voting for the 2021 award ends at 4:30 p.m. on April 15. The website is not updated, except for the link to enter votes, so I have been sending out supporting documents for voting. The 2021 award winners should be announced some time in May. This always depends on the cooperation with the publishers in responding. The new (2021-2022) master lists and accompanying PowerPoint and bookmarks will hopefully be up on the website before too long....

There is also a list of past award winners in alphabetical order in the Teacher tab on the website: wawchildrensbookaward.com

**Selection committee** members will be submitting their second round of nominations to me in mid-April for the 2022-2023 awards year. 47 books were nominated in the first round. The final round will be due June 15 and the selection meeting will be August 28, hopefully face-to-face in Emporia. Members must have read 50% of the nominated titles and be present to participate.

Ann Schuster, Deb Southworth and Christy Reams continue on the committee as KASL representatives. KASL will need to choose a replacement for Deb at the August council meeting; her three-year term will be up after our selection meeting.

The 2021 awards ceremony is planned for Saturday, October 2. At this point, the executive committee assumes the winning authors will want to do their presentation virtually. Plans are underway for a big 70th anniversary celebration of the award in October 2022 in Emporia.

**Things to Discuss:**

- Summer Institute Topic - Amanda Harrison suggested "Visible and Vibrant School Libraries" from Tiffany Whitehead’s topics list. The Summer Institute looks to be virtual at this time.
- Kansas Library Association Conference October 27-29 at Hyatt in Wichita -
**Call for Proposals** - Would like to have a lot of great sessions (in person) from our school library people.

- **Professional Excellence (C. Paget)** - some members have or will be retired and we need to recruit more for the committee to replenish. It was asked if Kristy Oberny would possibly be interested? She is National Board Certified in Library Media Specialist. Robin asked for more information about this committee. Tonya found that Page 39 of our KASL Guidelines has more information about this committee. It looks like we need to have about 6-7 members and right now we have 3.

- **Advocacy (C.Snyder)** - Tonya mentioned just reusing or refreshing what we have from last year and using it again now. Jane Burton and Amy Brownlee are part of a Fort Hays advisory committee and Jane said they can participate and update us on that as well.

- **Amanda** said she was asked by the Public Libraries section of KLA about looking at creating more partnerships with school libraries. Kansas Regional systems (Anna Foote) is looking at doing something also. Tonya mentioned the Public Libraries section should talk to the Shawnee Public Library and what method they are using to partner with the Topeka Public Schools. Tonya has felt their partnership has been successful.

**New Business:**

- **ESU Webinars Topic Ideas -**
  - Advocacy & KSDE liaison (Kyle Lord klord@ksde.org, David Fernkopf dfernkopf@ksde.org)
  - Partnering with Public Libraries and the Regional Library systems

**Adjournment** - motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Harrison, Julie Doyen 2nd. Motion passed.

Next KASL Council Meeting will be in August. Gail Becker will be President of the next meeting. Executive council will probably need to meet before that time.