

Southwest Kansas Library System

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The Southwest Kansas Library System Executive Board met for its regular meeting on Friday, March 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Cimarron City Library, Cimarron, Kansas.

Those attending were:

Leesa Shafer, Chair	Ford County Representative
Ellen Selzer	Comanche County Representative
David Kearney	Edwards County Representative
Joan Weaver	Edwards County Governor Appointee
Holly Mathes	Grant County Representative
Candis Cook	Gray County Representative
Lori Zerr	Greeley County Representative
Marilyn Keating	Hamilton County Representative
Ruby Martin	Lane County Representative
Carolyn Chase	Meade County Representative
Jean Schlegel	Ness County Representative
Carol Rittscher	Seward County Representative
Denise Smith	Stanton County Representative
Eunice Schroeder	Stevens County Representative
Emily Sitz	SWKLS Director
Mary Holler	Protection Township Library
Dawnon Beaver	Meade Public Library
Ronda Garza	Kismet Public Library
Susan M. Trombley	Dodge City Public Library
Cathy Reeves	Dodge City Public Library
Sara McFarland	SWKLS
Carolyn Guernsey	SWKLS

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Leesa Shafer. Denise Smith made a motion the agenda be approved. Lori Zerr seconded. Motion carried.

Introductions were made and the roll call sheet was passed around to sign.

The minutes from the January 9, 2009 Executive Board meeting were presented for approval. Eunice Schroeder made a motion the minutes be approved as presented. Holly Mathes seconded. Motion carried.

Emily reviewed the Budget Summary and Carolyn reviewed the Account Balances for the month ending February 28, 2009.

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Carolyn reviewed the bills for the month of March:

General Fund check #29218 through #29289

Grants and Aids check #5800 through #5808

with bills to be added before the end of the month from Alltel, AT&T, Best Water of Southwest Kansas, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas, Cox Communications, WalMart and the 3/24/2009 payroll expenses. Joan Weaver made a motion to pay the bills listed and the anticipated bills. Ellen Selzer seconded. Motion carried.

Leesa stated the Continuing Education Grant Committee has recommended that beginning in 2010 the grant funds be divided between Major C.E. Grants and C.E. Express Grants for SWKLS workshops. She distributed checks for the first round of 2009 grants. Thirteen grants were awarded totaling \$7,369. The next application window will be May 18 through May 31.

Emily reviewed the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee. She stated the courier project supports the statewide goal of resource sharing.

Cathy Reeves pointed out major changes in the Budget Committee's recommendations. There are still unknowns regarding State Aid and the Courier System.

Emily reported 2010 will be the second year the Regional Library Systems will be submitting a shared system plan rather than individual plans to the State Library of Kansas Board. The System Directors are working on this document, which will have only slight revisions from the 2009 Shared Goals.

Emily stated the most recent information we have indicates State Aid in 2010 will be a 15% reduction from 2008 levels.

Emily asked the Board to change the date for Spring Assembly to May 15 in the hope we will have a better understanding of state budget decisions. Joan made a motion to change the Spring Assembly date to May 15. Jean Schlegel seconded. Motion carried.

Emily reported she and Cathy Reeves are serving on the Statewide Accreditation Task Force. The goal is to set standards from the customer level. She has been asked to serve on the Task Force for the Gates Foundation's broadband access project. We have run an ad in the Daily Globe for the Bookmobile position. We are approaching it as a temporary position until we know how that program will mesh with the statewide courier.

Sara reported the Summer Reading workshop will be in Dodge City on March 25. The Spring Assembly program on May 15 will be presented by Kathy Sexton, Derby, on Advocacy From a City Manager's View.

Carolyn reported the new payroll deduction rates reflecting the Making Work Pay tax credit have been released and must be put into use by April 1.

Cathy Reeves reported Dodge City Public Library is distributing coupons that will earn the library 20% of participating sales at Long John Silvers and A&W on March 31.

Joan Weaver reported Kinsley Public Library has begun a bilingual (Spanish/English) family reading program.

Lori Zerr reported Greeley County Library had a Chinese New Year celebration. Jonathan, their newest staff member, speaks Chinese.

Denise Smith reminded everyone of the KLA/MPLA Conference in Wichita April 1-3.

Carol Rittscher made a motion the meeting adjourn. Eunice seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Guernsey
Recording Secretary