

Southeast Kansas Library System
Annual System Board Meeting
June 4, 2021 via Zoom

Call to Order

President Connie Mitchell called the annual business meeting of the Southeast Kansas Library System to order at 11:32 a.m.

Welcome

Connie reviewed some items to assist with it being in ZOOM format. There would be no introductions. There will also be no public comment period, but time will be given for everyone to comment on any agenda item. A sheet of further meeting procedures was included in the meeting packet, and was reviewed.

Roll Call

Scotty Zollars, Secretary called the roll. There were 49 public libraries present: Altoona, Arma, Bronson, Caney, Cedar Vale, Chanute, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Columbus, Edna, Erie, Eureka, Fall River, Fort Scott, Garnett, Girard, Graves Memorial (St. Paul), Grenola, Hamilton, Hepler, Howard, Humboldt, Independence, Iola, Johnston Public Library (Baxter Springs), Kincaid, Linn County Library District #1 Parker, Linn County Library District #2 LaCygne, Linn County Library District #3 Blue Mound, Longton, McCune, Madison, Moline, Moran, Mound City, Mound Valley, Parsons, Pittsburg, Pleasanton Lincoln, Prescott, Savonburg, Sedan, Thayer Friday Reading Club, Toronto, W.A. Rankin (Neodesha), Walnut, Weir, and Yates Center. Two academic libraries were present: Independence Community College and Labette Community College. Two school libraries were present: Erie/Galesburg, USD #101 and Cherryvale, USD #447. There were six county appointees present: Patricia Wittry, Anderson County; Nancy Van Etten, Bourbon County; Dianna Beason, Chautauqua County; Rebecca Lindamood, Greenwood County; and Janet Reynolds, Linn County.

Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2020 Meeting

Suprena Cheshire made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2020 annual meeting and April Read seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented and Kay Bowman made a motion to approve; Mandy Simon seconded. Motion carried.

Adoption of 2022 Budget

Roger made several announcements regarding the 2021 budget. Due to a cash balance carried forward this year, the tax rate would be reduced for 2022. State aid that was projected to be lower in 2021 was not reduced as projected.

Roger reviewed the other areas that caused the expenses in FY20 to be lower. Allocation bases will be increased by \$100 plus 2 cents per capita. There was a significant increase in Employee Insurance expenses. The Material Delivery Grants were reduced due to the lowering of courier rates. The Miscellaneous line item was increased to allow for any new initiatives of the new director.

Roger presented the 2022 SEKLS budget for approval. Samantha Graven made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Julie Kent seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Executive Board Members

Connie thanked the Nominating Committee for their work and asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominees to the SEKLS Executive Board. Five terms expired this year and one mid-term vacancy was being filled.

For Two-Year Terms		
Scotty Zollars, Labette Community College	President	4 th term on Board, 1 st as President
Jennifer Rosson, Caney City Library	Representative at Large	1 st term
Bev Clarkson, Pittsburg Public Library	Major Service Center Representative	2 nd full term
Shaila Creitz, Erie/Galesburg USD #101	School Library Representative	4 th term
Randy Roberts, Axe Library, Pittsburg State University	Academic/Special Library Representative	1 st term
Filling Mid-Term Vacancy		
Rebecca Lindamood, Greenwood County Appointee	County Appointee Representative	Filling the 2 nd year of an unexpired term.

Andrea Soba made a motion to approve the slate as presented and Karen Eshelman seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements

The roll call was opened again for those that missed it. Roger announced that the allocation base amount page normally included in the annual meeting packet would be sent to individual libraries by email. If the email is not received, please call Viviane. He also noted that the 2021 competitive grant is designated for collection development. The grant will open in August with an October deadline. Roger presented President Connie Mitchell a plaque and well wishes for her years on the Executive Board.

Roger introduced the new SEKLS Director, Sharon Moreland. Sharon shared about the American Rescue Plan Act Grant coming from the State Library of Kansas. Information about the grant will be forthcoming through KANLIB. Workshops will be held dealing with the grant following the announcement.

Eric Green, Consultant, announced upcoming continuing education events including the Youth Services meeting in July and the Fall Inservice which an in person meeting on Thursday, September 16th, at Flint Oak Lodge. More details will be forthcoming.

Remarks by Connie Mitchell, President

Connie presented Roger with a gift basket of travel items in honor of his retirement. She thanked him for all of the work that he had done for the Library System. Others expressed their well wishes too.

Adjournment

Kathy Hale made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scotty Zollars, Executive Board Secretary