



Kentucky Council of Teachers of English / Language Arts
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Mission: To promote the professional aims of the teaching of English and Language Arts.

15 July 2023

Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order (12:40 p.m.)**
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Motioned by Jon; Seconded by Aretha; Approved
- III. Roll Call of Members**

Present (On Site)

Kristie Ennis - President
Aretha Whaley - High School Vice President
Mike DiCicco - Middle School Vice President (new)
Jonathan Cullick (Jon) - Secretary
Patti Slagle - Treasurer
Winn Wheeler - *KEB* Editor
Elizabeth Dinkins - *KEB* Editor
Hollye Wright - Newsletter Editor
Kristen Tinch - KDE Liaison

Present (Virtual)

Eileen Shanahan - College Vice President
Amy Clancy - Immediate Past President
Renee Boss – Membership
Emma Gibbs - Writing Contest Director

Not Present

Sarah Webster - Conference Chair & Co-Membership; website
Brandi Borgemenke - Elementary School Vice President
Debbie Bell - Past President & NCTE Liaison
Kate Barrows - SLATE Representative
Kennita Ballard - Diversity Recruitment Chair

Cody McNeely - Awards

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting

Submitted Jon. Motioned by Amy; Seconded by Elizabeth; Approved

Jon reminds all board members to review, update, correct, or add their contact information as necessary to the contact information [Google Doc](#). If you are replacing someone else in a position, please replace their contact information with yours.

VI. Officer/Committee Reports

President's Report, Kristie

Report Submitted. Kristie is gathering items/documents for the annual report to submit no later than 15-August-2023. The Board Handbook needs updating; Kristie will send directions to do that. Reminder that all board members must also be up-to-date members of NCTE; please check your NCTE membership.

Section Vice Presidents

- **High School VP, Aretha:** Report forthcoming. Teachers remain concerned about current legislation affecting education. Kristen adds that there is a formal process for filing challenge of a book; requires a thoughtful approach from the person filing; sets limits on appeals.
- **College VP, Eileen:** Has developed and will share a listserv she created to distribute announcements from KCTE to colleges/universities. Kristie asks the other school division VP's to do the same—a good part of our membership drive.
- **Middle VP, Mike:** Welcome to the Board, Mike! Kristie introduces and thanks Mike for reaching out and volunteering to serve.

Treasurer Report: Patti

Report Submitted 2-March-2023 to 12-July-2023

PNC Checking Balance \$59,737.89 + PayPal Balance \$2,015.26 = \$61,753.15

12-July-23 KCTE Closing Balance: \$61,753.15

Patti notes that Google G-Suite is working well and is worth the cost. KCTE is listed as nonprofit with the KY Secretary of State; we must update annually (charge = \$15.00); Kristie has contacted a law firm to serve as the KCTE Registered Agent (Brackney Law Office, PLLC, fee \$300.00). We must also renew our federal non-profit status every 3 years. Our credit card is earning reward points.

2023 Conference Income & Expense Report: Submitted

Total Conference Income = 3,442.21

Total General Expenses = -\$2,208.96

Total Speaker Expenses = -\$466.84

Total Board Member Expenses = -\$2,281.87

Total Conference Expenses = -\$4,957.67

Total Loss = (\$1,515.46)

Outstanding Registration Fees (two) = (\$200)

KEB Editors, Winn & Elizabeth: The April issue was published as scheduled. We are now on ScholarWorks. All members are asked to check out this access to all editions. Manuscripts and reviews can now be uploaded/downloaded thru ScholarWorks. The current issue will center on the theme of censorship. Reviewers are needed; please volunteer; methods faculty are asked to be mindful of student projects that could be submitted; we are also uploading to EBSCO. Kristie will post a link to ScholarWorks on the KCTE site. We are now completely off Submittable. We might be able to set up the writing contest on ScholarWorks, which would also make publication much easier.

Newsletter Editor, Hollye: Report Submitted. Three newsletters will be published annually (winter/spring/fall). Items for next newsletter include KCTE awards, KDE Corner, KCTE 2023 conference highlights, NCTE convention, and NCTE information/upcoming events. Also, Hollye is working with a group putting resources together on AI/ChatGPT for the September issue. Board members are asked to contact potential contributors. Kristie recommends Canva Pro. Patti suggests that teachers could be invited to write brief (150-200 word) overviews of activities from their classrooms (see NCTE *Notes-Plus*). Idea to publish names of newly graduated English teachers.

Website: We need a website person to update/maintain the site monthly. Kristen volunteers.

Writing Contest, Emma: Report submitted including link to Google Drive folder of submissions. Twenty entries have been submitted, all high school. Looking at ways to improve communication, especially to elementary and middle, via email list and social media.

Membership/Recruitment, Renee: Emailing those whose membership is nearing expiration has helped renewal rate. Kristie adds that section VP's are asked to develop email lists (as Eileen has done). Renee suggests a section in the Newsletter to highlight accomplishments/activities of English teachers around the state.

SLATE: Kristie—Nomination is proceeding for next year's award recipient; Winn—last year's recipient will be asked to write about her own censorship experience for KEB.

KDE, Kristen: Report Submitted. Much is happening in early literacy, and the Early Literacy Team has updated their webpages to include resources supporting the Read to Succeed Act. New laws are requiring different kinds of improvement plans. SB 156 would mandate a statewide reading research center. The bill says school districts "shall" adopt a common comprehensive K-3 reading curriculum (and another bill affecting 4-12 might be coming). SB5 requires KDE establish a model complaint resolution policy. SB 150 with mandates on parental notification and

restrictions teaching issues related to LGBTQ students. August 8, NCTE will have session on copyright and fair use in OER creation.

Diversity: Kristie reports that Kenita is researching diversity policies of other organizations/affiliates. Kenita is providing much needed resources and insights for KCTE members, including sessions at the KCTE conference.

PRESLM, Amy: This is a magazine competition for high schools to produce their own online magazines.

VII. 2024 Conference

- Sarah is taking on the conference planning role.
- Venue: Bellarmine University. We haven't had one in Louisville for a long time, so it's time to circulate the conference there. They have good facilities and services for a conference.
- Date: July. Not March because the NCTE conference will be in November, and March would be too quick a turnaround time (i.e., members would have difficulty getting funding for both conferences within the same fiscal year).
- Theme: We need ideas; please brainstorm and share.
- Speakers: We need ideas. A speaker is an important draw for teachers. We will look for someone regionally located to reduce travel expenses. We need to think of authors who would be a draw to justify the expense, but a good speaker can increase registrations/revenue. A publisher might contribute to the cost if there are book sales/signing. Authors suggested include Ruta Sepetys (Patti), Kwame Alexander (Winn), who has co-authored with James Patterson a book on Louisville native Muhammad Ali; US poet laureate Ada Limón (Elizabeth); Silas House (Patti), who appeared at our conference a few years ago; Gerry Brooks (Amy), elementary school principal in Lexington; Jonathan Beatty (Winn), who has launched the Louisville-based program, *I Love Books*.

VIII. Writing Contest

- Contest is now closed.
- Emma has pulled all entries and created a folder for them.
- Kristie asks Aretha to coordinate a panel.
- Need to be judged by the Section VPs by August.
- Winners will be notified by Emma in early September.

IX. Unfinished Business

- Awards—We need graphics to advertise and a plan to get those sent out to networks; they will stay open until March 2024 this time. Board members are asked to nominate.
- Winn—Suggests that we offer a pre-service teacher award; good way to build membership.
- Patti—Suggests award for early-career teachers (1-3 years).
- Winn—We could also reach out to previous award winners for nominations and judging.

X. New Business

- NCTE Plans: Attending—Kristie, Jon, Amy. Presenting—Mike, Kristen, Eileen. Not sure yet—Hollye.
- Kristie will give our names to NCTE; if we volunteer, NCTE will comp the registration.
- Affiliate Webinars: One coming up end of July—Kristie will forward announcement to the Board; free of charge.
- Handbook: Kristie sent it out to us in the Google Drive folder; asks everyone to review and add comments to the document for our particular roles. Last updated 2006. Contact Kristie to make a motion to amend or add.

Adjourned: Motion by Jon; Seconded by Winn; Approved (2:50 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan S. Cullick, Secretary
18-July-2023