



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.

12 July 2024, Bellarmine University, Louisville KY
Business Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 3:00

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Roll Call of Members Present

Kristie Ennis - President
Sarah Webster - Conference Chair & President-Elect
Kristen Tinch - KDE Liaison & Co-Website Developer
Patti Slagle - Treasurer
Jonathan S. Cullick - Executive Secretary
Mike DiCicco - Middle School Vice President
Kate Barrows - SLATE Representative
Elizabeth Dinkins - *KEB* Editor
Aretha Whaley - High School Vice President

Not Present

Eileen Shanahan - College Vice President (outgoing)
Renee Boss - Membership Chair
Amy Clancy - Immediate Past President (outgoing)
Brandi Borgemenke - Elementary School Vice President (outgoing)
Winn Wheeler - *KEB* Editor
Jess Smith - *KEB* Editor
Hollye Wright - Newsletter Editor & Co-Website Developer
Emma Gibbs - Writing Contest Director
Debbie Bell - Past President & NCTE Liaison
Kennita Ballard - Diversity Recruitment Chair (outgoing)
Cody McNeely - Awards Chair (outgoing)

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting

Submitted by Jon; Motioned by Kristi; Seconded by Patti; Approved

VI. Officer/Committee Reports

Treasurer, Patti

Report Submitted February 17 to July 11 of 2024

Current Checking Balance: \$59,663.66

Paypal Balance: \$5,951.10

Closing Balance: \$65,614.76

Patti: PayPal is used mostly to pay membership and registration; the usage is increasing; PayPal accounts can be difficult to identify because the payments are not always identified by name. Upcoming expenses post-conference are Walker's fee and awards. Sarah notes that at the moment the conference is ahead by \$500.00.

KEB, Elizabeth

Report Submitted. The biggest challenge is insufficient numbers of submissions; an option is to go to two rather than three issues per year: one scholarly and one for student writing award winners. Patti recommends not lowering the subscription rate. Kristie suggests asking every presenter this weekend to submit something. Elizabeth offers the possibility of a standing column if anyone is interested (e.g., a YA column, advocacy column, and book reviews). Mike suggests seeing if KRA could help promote the journal. Kate suggests publishing the type of book rationale/reviews that are written for the NCTE database. There is general agreement among the board members about doing book reviews with several members present indicating an interest in writing and submitting reviews.

Website, Kristen

No news to report. All is going well.

Middle School, Mike

Mike says that a listserv of most main counties is done for the middle school level; he is now working on the small counties.

Membership & Recruitment

Kristie: total membership is at 90, which is less than half of what it was a few years ago—probably due to funding cuts for professional development; the listservs will be a big step.
Patti: Our major source of revenue is now conference registrations.

KDE, Kristen

Report Submitted. Developing Skilled Middle & High School Readers monthly learning sessions. KRA is interested in exchanges with KCTE—opportunity to attend their conference. Everyone is invited to apply for standards committees.

SLATE, Kate

See previous report from February; still ongoing.

Self-Censorship is a concern; legislation prohibits explicit instruction of certain books/topics, but teachers may still display & promote the books in the classroom libraries. KASL are very helpful advocates. (KY Assoc of School Librarians)

Diversity

Kristie: We need a new diversity chair. Various members present offer names/suggestions.

VII. Student Writing Contest

Kristie: The contest is still open with new deadline of July 31. Four members have submitted so far; we have lots of entries from those four people, but mostly high school. We have few elementary members so no submissions. No submissions yet from university level; Jon says he will submit several entries.

VIII. New Business

- **Recruitment:** See Membership & Recruitment above. Current membership is at 90.
- **Cooperative relationship with KRA:** Kristen is involved in KRA and will keep us updated. Kristi suggests that KCTE and KRA could post links to each other's organizations on our sites.
- **Open board positions:** Kristie notes that several officer positions are outgoing. We need a new Diversity Recruitment Chair, College Vice President, Elementary Vice President, Awards & Exhibits Chair.
- **NCTE Convention:** Kristin, Sarah, & Mike are going this year; Sarah possibly. Someone is needed to go to the affiliate breakfast, which is usually on Sunday; Mike & Kristen volunteer to do so.

IX. Conference Update, Sarah

48 attendees are registered; 9 also added memberships; 8 vendors are set to will attend.

Next year: Possible locations are Lexington area (which is usually well attended) or Georgetown University. There was some discussion about Northern Kentucky University; Kristie will look into it; Mike and Jon volunteer to help make connections.

Motion to adjourn by Jon; Sarah seconds.

Adjournment (4:30)

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan S. Cullick, Executive Secretary
15 July 2024