

**KSLA Central Eastern PA**

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Held October 28, 2021 at Angela Salezze's Home**

**Virtually Present: Julie Borden, Kathy Sagl, LeaAnne Graeffe, Darlene Sanderson, Angela Salezze, and Jessie Moser.**

- 1. Secretary's Report and Minutes from the June 2021 meeting were review and accepted and uploaded to the website**
- 2. Treasure's Report-Debra submitted this information:**
  - Our current Balance is \$1567.43 after expenses for insurances were paid totalling \$132. 60. No other bills are outstanding.**
  - Keven and Julie renewed the website domain name.**
  - We gifted Marvinne the \$400 which was contributed by Board members suppleeted from the treasury.**
  - The Treasurer's quarterly report was submitted.**
  - We need to contribute to something international to qualify for our KSLA Chapter award. It was suggested and approved to make a \$50 donation to Father Chuck's literacy efforts in Haiti.**
  - At the Leadership Conference it was suggested that chapters donated to sponsor an author's visit. KSLA CE made a donation to sponsor David Biedrzycki.**
  - Our financial coffers are low; we discussed solutions. We discussed a grant through Dollar General. Jessie volunteered to look at the website. Angela will also research opportunities.**
- 3. President's report**
  - a. Act 48 hours were submitted by Julie for all eligible events.**
  - b. Event at Cedar Crest was a huge success. Dr. Purdy was praised for her collaboration with KSLA CE.**
  - c. The Step by Step student writing online workshop was very beneficial. Julie is donating two books the Multicultural Library at Cedar Crest College.**
  - d. We are partnering with Cedar Crest College for their author visit. Carrie Jennings will speak virtually; we can invite members to view her presentation in Curtis Hall. The date is November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Teachers as Readers; we share what we are reading. Angela will share how to use books as mentor texts. Julie will share how she uses Magic Tree House books in the classroom. First Chapter Friday is an idea for sharing about books that your students may be inspired to read.**
  - e. Spring Teachers as Readers Event: Kathy suggested waiting to see what is available that is new at the KSLA Conference. Debbie Dillard may be available to speak on her new book. Kathy Sagl can present the Keystone to Read books. Asking Cedar Crest to host again will give Debbie greater exposure for her books about teaching to small groups. Julie will contact Debbie to see if she prefers a winter (February) or a spring date.**
  - f. KSLA-CE will donate a basket of champagne flutes and gift card. The theme is a basket of cheer. Angela will donate a journal. Jessie will donate a candle. Coasters and napkins will be provided by Kathy. Get them to Julie by November 15. Julie needs donations for a second basket which will include a blanket she is making themed with Cat in the Hat. Jessie will donate a book. Kathy will donate a book.**
  - g. Note: Read Across America has changed its focus to literacy more broadly than the celebration of Dr. Suess.**

4. **Membership Report-Darlene-Update list**
  - We have 39 members. We gained one new member through the Celebrate Literacy award winner prize.
  - It was noted that the online renewal made people less likely to join.
  - A Merry Christmas e-card gave no response last year; it did not increase membership or web traffic.
  
5. **Kathy State level news:**
  - **Deadlines:** Honor awards are due September 15. Kathy will make sure we submit. Kathy will make sure we meet requirements. (Facebook, international focus, community focus.) We will get a ballot for statewide officers.
  - **Preschool Book Project:** Parents are more aware of what books are being taught due to criticism of CRT. Preschool books are less controversial. Intermediate books about climate change may raise concerns. The Leigh Valley Dual Language Charter School has the books for two weeks.
  - **The local chapter needs a strategic plan to submit to the state organization.**
    - Promote literacy beyond the classroom (We have done this.)
    - Diversity and voices in perspective (We have done this.)
  
6. **Facebook person/ Literacy Advocacy:** Kathy will keep posting on the site.
7. **Website:** The website is on our bookmark, but there has been no traffic on the website.
8. **Community Service:** Julie will be teaching a literacy night November 17 at the Galcon Life House in Bethlehem.
9. **Next meeting date:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm via zoom.