

**Wyoming Library Association  
Minutes of Meeting  
Board of Directors  
December 16, 2010, 2:00pm**

**Present:**

Sue Knesel, Laura Grott, Tracey Kinnaman, Jamie Markus, Sukey Hohl, Lesley Boughton, Tina Lyles, and Carey Hartmann

Sue Knesel called the meeting to order at 2:00.

Tracey Kinnaman volunteered as Recording Secretary.

**Minutes** of last meeting were approved. Carey Hartman moved and Sukey Hohl seconded.

**President comments**-Mitzi from NPR interviewed Sue Knesel concerning the Library Endowment Fund. NPR will report on this as well as what libraries offer including databases, etc. She will mention those who endorsed the fund including our state senators. Maggie Farrell was the recipient of the Tech Conference registration giveaway that will be held in D.C. Ellen Hopkins will be the CYA Section author at 2011 conference and Sue is still filling in committees and but the Awards Committee is filled.

**Financial Report**-Laura Grott reported that we have cut our expenses and that conference went and it looks like by the end of the year WLA may show a profit of close to \$10,000. Dues were down about \$1,000, even after we raised dues \$5. A check was sent for \$1,800 from Mainstay Investments because we hadn't made any money over the last ten years. This money brought us up to our original investment.

**Credit card** - WLA paid \$1,580 total credit card fee in 2010 to date. Laura looked into Pay Pal and they have a 2.9% interest fee, a \$.30 transaction fee for web based purchases. Erin Kinney will set up an Executive Secretary account for Laura. When libraries pay with credit cards they will be referred to the Pay Pal website. Sue moved we start using Pay Pal and Jamie seconded. Motion carried.

**Dues** will be raised again another \$5 for those making over \$15,000. The registration form will be online. WLA will do one online reminder, after that a mailed reminder to those that have yet paid. Discussion ensued concerning the \$185 bulk fee. It was decided to keep it one more year.

**Budget**-Laura Grott reported on the budget as of December 13th. It will be clearer in January. Carey Hartmann would like another \$1,000 for Legislative Committee. Laura said she'd check with ALA and MPLA to finalize their travel needs.

**Interest Groups**-Jamie Markus reported that he and Erin Kinney have been working on the WLA website and are almost done. They will find some sort of online form for Pay

Pal along with a wiki or blog set up. They are also setting up GO TO WEBINAR for sections through LSTA funds, which is \$1,000 for unlimited use. Sue is looking into a partner for Jamie to help with mentoring.

**Library Endowment**-Sue reported that the Governor put another \$3,000,000 in budget. We need to especially give thanks at Legislative Luncheon for databases, etc. Leslie Boughton commented on how outstanding it was that libraries raised that amount of money in a short amount of time.

**2011 Conference**-WLA conference will be at Little America in Cheyenne. There were good comments as well as negative comments concerning 2010 conference at the Parkway Plaza. The Parkway is old and in need of repairs and it was not handicapped accessible were the two most negative comments. As far as the new presentations of the awards the comments were mostly positive but next year we need to ask recipients of they would prefer a plaque or candy dish.

**2012 Conference**-In bid comparisons, Gillette was considerably higher with the cost of renting the Cam-Plex plus equipment rental and catering extra. Plus it would be a lot more work overall. The Parkway always gives us a \$72.00 room rate and provides everything for free. By 2012 there will be new carpet throughout and remodeling is being done presently. Sue suggested we emphasize the positive about stay there. Conference will be Sept. 26-29, 2012.

**By-laws**-It is a by-law change as to when the WLA dues are due. Would like to go to a fiscal year where dues are due around conference, so dues and registration can be handled at the same time. Discussion ensued concerning non-members attending WLA. Some felt that attendance to WLA was a membership benefit. Jamie Markus commented that he was against limiting people to attend because he felt it was a draw to become a member. He felt that maybe we should restrict them from mailing lists and if they were restricted from the website that someone would have to manage the website security. Sue then suggested we run the Interest Groups for a year; see how it goes, then make more of it an issue of not being a member. A suggestion was also made of raising the non-member rate of conference making it more feasible to join WLA in the long run. Jamie commented on LSTA and that it passed the house and senate to reauthorize money to be put back into continuing education and later on down the road maybe Wyoming Library Leadership.

**Next Meeting**-The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 6:30 in Cheyenne at the Laramie County Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracey Kinnaman