

KCALL Membership Meeting
March 4, 2009
Lathrop & Gage

Present were: Judy Esrig, Nancy Stancel, Theresa Simms, Yelena Shmidova, Beth Cohen, Glenn Higley, Ginger Schulmeister, Frances Schach, Eric Brust, Brian Larios, Cindy Crary, Janice Jones, Maria Johnson, Barbara Tolbert, Deanna Long, and Sharon Hom.

I. Call to order: President Brian Larios called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. Approval of the January 6, 2009 minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Treasurer's report: Cindy Crary distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report to General Membership dated March 4, 2009. The balance forward as of 1/6/09 was \$2,878.07. Disbursements for Earthlink services were \$59.90, and a gift for the outgoing President was \$57.09, a total of \$116.99. Deposits for 2009 memberships were \$225. The balance as of 3/4/09 was \$2,986.08. We have 35 regular members, one associate member, and two student members.

IV. Technology: Nancy Stancel has taken over as chair of this committee. She has posted the membership and board minutes, and will soon post the list of current members. At future meetings, pictures will be taken and posted on the website. Kudos for members should be sent to Nancy, so they can be posted.

V. Program: Glenn Higley, vice president, has agreed to take over programming duties this year. Glenn asked for suggestions for programs for the three remaining meetings of the year.

VI. Old Business: There was no old business.

VII. New Business:

- KCALL records project. Eric is chair of this project. He hopes to complete the project within six months. Judy Esrig and Glenn Higley have volunteered to examine, weed, and organize the records. Frances, Ginger, and Sharon offered to scan documents so they can be posted on the website. Print documents can be placed in long-term storage.
- Electronic Union List. It was decided that the listserv is all that is needed to find and share materials among the members.
- Use of program funds. At a previous meeting, it was decided that we spend 20% of membership dues on educational programs. The funds can be used to attend out-of-town meetings or conduct research, for example. The grantees could present their findings and experiences at membership meetings. Recipients should be active members of KCALL. The board will present a plan for this project.

VIII. Program: Members discussed how the current economy is affecting library operations:

Print collections have been reduced. However, when a vendor of electronic resources provides credits for the purchase of print products, it is difficult to reduce the print collection.

Electronic newsletters have replaced printed communications.

In law firms, expanding space for attorneys may mean reducing space for libraries. Many library organizations have instituted hiring freezes.

U.M.K.C. law library is instituting furloughs without pay.

IX. Kudos. Linda Roser is executive director of a foundation to enhance learning in the Shawnee Mission schools. Joan Thomas has a new baby daughter.

X. Adjournment: The next meeting will be on May 6 at Stinson Mag. The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Esrig, Secretary