KARSP UNITS GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Nemaha County Association of Retired School Personnel awarded 2 scholarships each in the amount of $500. One scholarship is funded by the membership and the other one is from a trust fund of $5000 given to the unit by a lady whose mother was a teacher. We are to award $500 a year until the money runs out, and the scholarship has to go to a Sabetha High School senior. The unit’s recipient was Karly Tangeman of Nemaha Central High School in Seneca. Karly will be attending Benedictine College pursuing a degree in elementary education, and the trust fund scholarship went to John Robert Streett of Sabetha High School. John Robert will be attending Kansas State to pursue a degree in music education. Thanks to Lyla Edelman for submitting this information.

Cherokee County Retired School Personnel gave two $400 scholarships this year. Alexa Parker from Columbus plans to attend Pittsburg State University and major in music education. Charles Judd from Baxter plans to attend a four-year college and major in education. Thanks to Lori Carpino for this information.

Kathlene Burkle, scholarship chairman from the Salina Area Retired School Personnel, reports that their unit has awarded a $500 scholarship to Kansas Wesleyan University senior Bradyn Houltberg, who will be doing her student teaching in music education.

If your unit has also granted scholarships, please let the Meadowlark know so we can share your generosity.

FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

Over the next several months, the Meadowlark will be sharing the names of the Foundation winners and a description of their grant requests. Through your generous donations to the Foundation, and with your purchase of auction items (at Gary Carson’s insistence!) at convention, current educators are helped in this way.

Grant winner Hayley Barnes is the K-6 Gifted teacher at Elmont Elementary, which is a part of the Seaman School District USD 345. Her project is titled “Dashing And Dotting Our Way Into The Future.”

The objective of her project is to create more opportunities for problem solving and critical thinking processes for students. Wonder Workshop students will be given the opportunity to work with two types of robots (one stationary, one mobile) that they can program to do many skills. Students will have a common goal with a variety of challenges to be successful with the robots. They will problem solve with one another in real life situations and be able to express their creativity.

Watch for the other winners in future Meadowlarks.
SUMMER UPDATE
Mike Isom
KARSP President

As we approach the “Dog Days of Summer” or those “Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer” as the song says, I took time to reflect on the past KARSP’s conventions I attended. This year was a definite winner. It was great to see all the familiar faces, and even better to meet those who attended for the first time. Thanks to Karen, it was another successful time together!

For those of you who were with us this year, you realize that a few of us had to leave Thursday to travel to faraway places that were scheduled two years ago before COVID hit. For those of you who had to miss the convention, I bring you up to speed with the situation.

Traveling is such an adventure. My wife and I just returned from 21 wonderful days in our favorite destination – Ireland. We have been there twelve times since 2000. The scenery is vividly picturesque green, prolific flowers, and winding, narrow roads with stone walls on both sides.

The people of Ireland are friendly and helpful. We stay in a 200-year-old thatched cottage in northwest Donegal county. Over the years we have established friendships, and it is nice to get reacquainted. We really enjoyed our stay.
So, as I close this message, I want to once again thank all those who attended the 2022 convention and hope to see you back next year. For those of you unable to make it, we look forward to seeing you in 2023. It is a time of renewed friendships, interesting speakers, and fun times through entertainment and games.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
JUNE 15, 2022
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

Present: Dianne Sisk, Mike Isom, Beccy Isom, Jerry Henn, Karen Pulaski, Kay Sewell, Gary Slimmer, Perry McCabe, Tom Alstrom, Nancy Sapp, Juannae Landry, Gary Carson, Dee Schwinn, Betsy Zadorozny, Carol Bunning, Gil Bunning, Ernie Claudel, Jay Brown, Jane Martin, and Pam Bristow
Absent: Elrea Mullens
Guest: Rod Dietz
Minutes Submitted By: Dianne Sisk, Secretary

Mike Isom, President, opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Gil Bunning, Vice President, led the flag salute.

Agenda approved as changed.

Dee Schwinn made and Nancy Sapp seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022, Zoom Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Tom Alstrom, Treasurer, reported 2021 income is down due to late enrollment. Checking account has increased. CD’s don’t change. Changes in expenses are down because COVID has changed the way we operate.

Nancy Sapp made and Betsy Zadorozny seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

Tom Alstrom, Treasurer, presented the proposed Budget for 2023. This is a transitional year with dues increasing in 2023. Outside revenue is from AMBA. Reimbursement mileage was discussed. Proceeds from the Foundation Auction will be split between the Foundation and KARSP. KARSP donations to Kansas Hall of Fame and the National Teachers Hall of Fame were discussed.

Nancy Sapp made and Ernie Claudel seconded a motion to approve the proposed Budget with the deletion of National Teachers Hall of Fame donation and add line item of auction proceeds. Motion carried.

Jerry Henn, Executive Director, gave guidelines on decision making concerning the Constitution, By Law changes and Election of Personnel if KARSP is unable to hold its annual convention. Rod Dietz was introduced as our new KARSP Treasurer. Guidelines for disbanding units were discussed.

Ernie Claudel made and Carol Bunning seconded a motion to accept the Executive Directors Report. Motion carried.

Betsy Zadorozny presented Elrea Mullen’s Historian’s Report. Various past Historians have written parts of the KASP History through 2009. Huge applause to Bob Grover for chairing this project. Our KARSP history will be organized and bound.

Perry McCabe, Membership Chair, stated recent retirees dues are for 2022 and 2023. As of June 15, 2022, there are 3,034 current active members, and 1,559 inactive members. With the change in the price of dues there has been some confusion. Any new or renewing members will be $25. AMBA’s form still says $15 and will be changed. Lifetime membership ends December 31, 2022. Perry discussed new forms for reporting all
Carol Bunning made and Betsy Zadorozny seconded a motion to accept the Membership Report. Motion carried.

Gary Carson/Gary Slimmer reported on the Foundation. They presented the process of appointing Foundation Board members and the challenges. This year there were 35 applications for Foundation grants. Ten grants were awarded.

Betsy Zadorozny made and Tom Alstrom seconded a motion to approve Neal Ballard as a member of the Foundation Board. Motion carried.

Ernie Claudel, Lobbyist, reported KCPR has changed to Zoom meetings. There were a number of issues regarding KPERS addressed by the legislature. While not successful in achieving a benefit increase, much KPERS discussion was initiated. The availability of big money from the conservative right is one of the greater challenges. Ernie encourages you to vote for people who will support a COLA for KPERS.

Beccy Isom made and Carol Bunning seconded a motion to accept the Legislative Report. Motion carried.

Dee Schwinn, Meadowlark Editor, encourages units to turn in articles and pictures for publication. She also makes the Memorial booklets. Keep her aware of changes.

Kay Sewell, Community Service Chair, reported a volunteer hour is worth $29.95. Total volunteer hours of KARSP members for 2022 was 225,712 resulted in a value of $6,760,074.40. This includes 54,328 hours with youth.

Karen Pulaski, Convention Chair, presented June 14-16 as Convention date for 2023 in Junction City.

District Directors Reports. (District 1 Director, Beccy Isom; District 2 Director, Carol Bunning; District 3 Director, Pam Bristow; District 4 Director, Juannae Landry; District 5 Director, Betsy Zadorozny; District 6 Director, Jane Martin; District 7 Director, Nancy Sapp; District 8 (at large) Director, Gary Carson) The district directors met together earlier as a group to share and summarize projects, ideas, and activities of their local units.

Gil Bunning made and Nancy Sapp seconded a motion to accept Rod Dietz as KARSP Treasurer. Motion carried.

Kay Sewell made and Betsy Zadorozny seconded a motion to make Jay Brown a voting member of the KARSP Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Gil Bunning presented guidelines on the procedure for disbanding a local unit. This information will go into the Operations Handbook.

Tom Alstrom made and Dee Schwinn seconded a motion of accepting the Procedure for Disbanding District Director and Local Units. Motion carried.

Paying membership dues online was discussed. The location of the October 12-13, 2022, Board Meeting was discussed.

Tom Alstrom, Treasurer, presented budget recommendations if there are additional funds. Some suggestions are grants for opening new units, socials for retirees, mailers, postcards, and grants for local unit projects. This will be a discussion item at the October Board meeting.

Mike Isom, President, adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

The time is now. Be informed on how your legislator stands on COLA and vote accordingly. There is a new brochure which gives a concise process for getting your viewpoint across. Go to www.ksretirees.org to download this document. We all have to work together to achieve our goals.