

**April 25, 2005**  
**SCKLS System Board Semi-annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Heartland Outdoor Store, South Hutchinson**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Chair Janice Sharp called the meeting to order.

The agenda for the April 25, 2005 meeting and the minutes of the October 25, 2004 meeting were presented.

Motion: Kathleen Whitmer moved to approve the current agenda and the minutes of the October 2004 meeting. Christie Snyder seconded and the motion carried.

Paul Hawkins introduced the executive committee members. Janice Sharp presented a gift on behalf of the executive committee to Paul in recognition of his work towards relocating SCKLS to a new training facility and offices.

Old Business: No old business was presented.

New business: The Director's Report to the membership and the presentation of the 2006 Annual Plan and Tentative Budget were given by Paul. The past 6 months has been the most important transition in the last 38 years for SCKLS. The new facility was appraised at \$454,000, but purchased for \$270,000. Commercial office space in the Hutchinson area rents at \$8.00-\$9.00 a square foot while SCKLS will be paying \$6.00 a square foot and at the end of 13 years the building will be owned by SCKLS. The annual plan for 2006 will continue to focus on improving services. New programs for 2006 include an establishment of a library foundation, basic training for new librarians and grants to support the Summer Reading programs. SCKLS and member libraries will now receive free shipping of library materials ordered from Baker and Taylor Company.

Motion: Patti Brace moved to approve the 2006 Annual Plan and Tentative Budget. Merle Bender seconded and the motion carried.

Nancy Malone introduced the new State Librarian of Kansas, Christie Brandau. Brandau's goal is to work together and to take the state forward in providing the best library service in the United States. Some of her programs will include One Book, One State and Kansas Reads to Preschoolers.

Nancy Soldner moved to adjourn the meeting. Deb Simpson seconded and the motion carried.