The Kentucky Library Trustees’ Round Table business meeting was held on April 12 at the Holiday Inn, University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY. Those present were: Paul Poland (Scott County), Mindy Woods (Carter County), Jim Stoops (Monroe County), Louise Canter (Kenton County), Steve Marcum (Warren County), Mary Lynn Collins (Friends of KY Libraries), Johnathan Miller (McLean County), Jim Dyer (Union County), Christina Dixon (Breathitt County), James McDuffee (Breathitt County), and Charlann Wombles (Woodford County).

Chairman Paul Poland called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Everyone was welcomed and introductions made.

Minutes of the fall meeting were distributed. Motion was made by Steve Marcum and seconded by Mary Lynn Collins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Larry Prichard, Chair, Carter County Public Library, was introduced as the Trustee Scholarship winner to attend our Spring Conference. Mr. Prichard thanked the group and expressed his satisfaction with the Trustee Certification sessions he had attended.

Welcome letters to new trustees and reappointed trustees will still be sent from Wayne Onkst and Steve Marcum. We will continue with the Trustee Connection article in the KDLA Libraries and Archives monthly electronic newsletter. Paige Sexton will send a reminder each month.

Benefits of the Trustee Listserv were discussed, and we will continue to encourage all Trustees to subscribe.

New officers were installed for 2012-2014; Steve Marcum from Warren County as Chair, Jim Stoops from Monroe County as Chair Elect, and Mindy Woods from Carter County as Secretary/Vice Chair Elect.

Paul Poland turned the meeting over to the new Chair, Steve Marcum.

Trustee Certification Sessions were offered for the first time at this conference, with over 60 Trustees taking the sessions. The advantage to Trustees was that certification was achieved in one day; the disadvantage was that they missed other conference sessions which would have been beneficial. The committee will take a look at this, perhaps offering certification in pre-conference sessions.

Four of the five sessions were recorded in other states and made available to us by ALA’s Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF). This is the Trustees’ national organization and they want to communicate national and local issues, with a goal of nurturing the next group of Trustees. Because they were not recorded in Kentucky, some legalities were not applicable to us. Kentucky will develop its own sessions, specific to our state.

Also, certification sessions will be available on-line and can be done individually, as a whole board, or regionally. It was agreed that, taken in a group setting, there would be more discussion on issues and questions could be answered.

While certification is still voluntary at this time, it may become mandatory in the future. As Certified Trustees we can now advocate for the benefits of certification.

The KPLA brochure will be updated with names of new KLTRT board members. Steve Marcum recommended sharing the brochure with our boards at home.

Our next meeting will be at KLA in the fall in Louisville, followed by the KLTRT Conference in the spring in Lexington.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.