

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit
General Membership Meeting
May 16, 2024**

President Todd Ellis led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Ellis called the general membership meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 10:101 am on Thursday, May 16, 2024. It was held electronically by Zoom.

Secretary Nancy Fody called the roll. Members present were Marcia Boyce, Barbara Davis, Patricia Dolan, Todd Ellis, Nancy Fody, Barbara Hemphill, Laurie Marshall, and Micheal Zutis. A quorum was present.

President Ellis asked new member Marcia Boyce to introduce herself.

The agenda was approved with one addition.

The minutes of the general meeting held February 15, 2024 were approved as presented.

Officer Reports

President's Report: President Ellis attended Jurassic Parliament Training on becoming a great school board. Regarding potential OnePlace meetings, he wondered if a one day or a monthly education seminar would be feasible. These seminars would not be held in conjunction with KPLU's weekday morning meetings. If there is interest, this could be developed over the summer and presented at the September meeting. The KPLU Education Committee would be in charge. Report is attached.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts were \$10 in dues. There were no disbursements. The ending balance is \$4,400.65. Report is attached.

Past President's Report: Past President Fody attended the MSAP annual meeting April 20 as chair of the Reading Committee.

Standing Committee Reports

Financial Review: President to remind Member Hammond that the financial review of the 2023 is due.

Education: Education Committee Co-Chairs Marshall and Davis will meet over the summer to work on potential monthly education meetings. Member

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Zutis will help. Suggestions short series of half day sessions v. a one-time meeting. Free or fee?

- Library: The library is still at the Davis home and encompasses 60 feet of shelf space. The library contains many any past issues of NAP and other books that would be useful to members studying for the RP exam.
- Membership: Treasurer to provide list of paid members as the grace period for membership has ended. Dues are considered in arrears in February and delinquent in March.
- Yearbook: Chair Laurie Marshall needs committee chair assignments for inclusion in the 2024 Yearbook.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: President Ellis will appoint a chair and members to the MSAP Annual Meeting Host Committee for the 2025 MSAP Annual Meeting April 11 and 12, 2025. KPLU is the local host unit. President Ellis will ask Members Julie Pioch and Allison Hammond. The local host committee handles finding as venue and basic arrangements. The event must be self-supporting as MSAP will not be able to contribute much in the way of funding. The venue is needed by June 30.

Members made suggestions for the committee to consider:
Venues: church? WMU? Hotels? Fetzer Center?
Many committee members will be needed for various aspects of the preparation as well as serving at the meeting.

Education Lesson: President Ellis's education lesson was on the committee of the whole: what it constitutes and when it is appropriate. A COW is less formal but does make recommendations to the assembly.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.

Submitted by,
Nancy Fody
Secretary

Upcoming Events:

September 19, 2024, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

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November 21, 2024, KPLU annual meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St.,
Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom
MSAP ANNUAL MEETING April 11 and 12, 2025 in Kalamazoo

Websites:

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