**Minnesota Academy of Reading**

*Executive Board Minutes*

Meeting date: November 14, 2015

Hamline University, Anderson Center, Room 302

Members in attendance:

* Deb Peterson
* Kate Kelly
* Lisa Krall
* Karen Moroz
* Chris Johnson
* Rod Winters
* Joan Sax-Bendix

Officers' Reports:

* Co-President
* Secretary: The minutes from 10-3-14 were approved.
* Treasurer: MAR account balance $8133.17

Old Business:

1. IRA Honor Council has been application submitted. Thank you for all your hard work coordinating this Kate!
2. January Event Planning- January 12, 2015 1-4PM at Hamline University in Anderson Center room 111.
* In the future MAR will change the title from “event” to “symposium.”
* The topic for the policy event/symposium will be aligning edTPA with state requirements for district in-service teacher evaluation. Educators from the following areas will be invited to participate in a panel discussion-
	+ MACTE and edTPA- Roxanne Pickle –\*Lisa Krall will contact.
	+ Inservice teacher on edTPA- \*Lisa Krall will ask Dr. Pickle for help to locate a participant.
	+ Induction Programs TC2 (coaches/participants)- \*Karen Moroz will contact.
	+ Kari Ross- St. Louis Park Director of Teaching and Learning- \*Kate Kelly will contact.
	+ Out-State Preservice Student Teachers- \*Chris Johnson will contact,
	+ Sue Paasch - Sauk Rapids administrator- \*Deb Peterson will contact.
	+ Mary Anderson- Stillwater & Florida perspectives- \*Rod Winters will contact.
	+ Eva Boehm- Policy/politics perspective- \*Kate Kelly will contact for suggestions.
* \*Kate Kelly will send out an email to be used when contacting panel participants.
* Agenda
	+ 1:00 Welcome and Introductions (at tables)
	+ 1:15 Board of Teaching Update- Cory Stai will come to provide information at the Minnesota Department of Education
	+ MACTE and edTPA Presentation- Roxanne Pickle
	+ 2:00 Break for dessert
	+ 2:30 Panel Discussion
	+ 3:15 Discussion/Table Talk
	+ 4:00 Dismissal
* \*Kate Kelly will send out an email invitation at the beginning of December and in January.
* \*Order food for Anderson Center- Karen Moroz will organize this for 30-40 people (coffee, tea, and a warm dessert).
* Fees for the event charge non-members ($10-15) , free for members, and free for Education MN- preservice students.
* \*MAR Executive Board members will bring books/resources on the event/symposium topics. Board members are encouraged to gather resource ideas for the next MAR Board Meeting in December.
* MAR members will encourage panel members to interact with table groups during the event/symposium. Board members will take notes for the table groups.
* \*Bobbi Gale will bring packets of MAR materials to be shared during the event/symposium.

3. Chris Johnson’s Presentation on Literacy in Cuba

* The Dean at University of Minnesota- Duluth has a personal interest in Latin America and brought UMD faculty to Cuba.
* Participants of the trip were required to follow specific US Department of Education and University of Minnesota guidelines.
* During the ten-day trip in Cuba, Chris Johnson visited the National Literacy Museum, schools, and various historic sites.
* Cuba initiated a national literacy program to encourage all members of the society to learn how to read and write. Schools were formed in various locations to support this large need. Unisef has identified Cuba’s literacy movement as one of the most successful international programs in the world.
* As a thank you for the instruction and as a way to assess learning, all Cuban participants are required to write a thank you letter to the government.
* There is a strong “Cuban” spirit with an integrated society.
* MAR thanks Chris for sharing his experiences in Cuba with the Board members.

New Business:

1. Future Board Meetings-
* After January 12, 2015 Winter Event/Symposium- Board members will meet immediately after the event/symposium and go out for an informal gathering.
* February 6 1-2:30PM
* MRA- Leadership Meeting March 7 9-12pm (not an official MAR meeting)
* March 20th meeting 1-2:30PM
* April Mixer- April 25th- A free event for members to share resources. A tentative time 10-11:30pm. \*Karen Moroz will coordinate this meeting.
1. The MAR Board discussed reimbursement for mileage and lodging for outstate members. \*Karen Moroz will explore options, allotment, and strategies to record these expenditures.
2. April Mixer- April 25th (free)- Members will be invited to bring resources to share at the meeting 10-11:30pm \*Karen Moroz will coordinate this event on Hamline’s campus.
3. \*Kate Kelly will gather and disseminate information to the MAR Board members on legislative efforts and NCTQ findings.
4. The MRA will coordinate a one-day conference with the Hamline Literacy Institute (July 7-10). The date for this collaboration will need to be determined.
5. IRA Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri July 17-20.

Action Steps: (\* see the minutes above)

Date of next meetings: December 19, 2:30-4:30

Save the date: Jan 12, 2015 - Policy Event at Hamline University