**Minnesota Academy of Reading**

Minutes

Meeting date: 2/6/15, 1-2:30pm

Meeting Location: Hamline University Anderson Center Room 302

**Attendees:**

* Kelly Killorn
* Terri Christenson
* Rod Winters
* Nicole Dardis
* Bobbi Gale
* Deb Peterson
* Chris Johnson
* Karen Moroz
* Lisa Krall

**Officers' reports:**

* Co-President
* Secretary: The minutes from 12-19-14 were approved.
* Treasurer: The cost for the January 2015 symposium was approximately $540. Bobbi advised MAR to be cautious with expenditures. We could charge for events in the future to bring in money.

**Old business:**

1. January Symposium
   1. Handouts –
      1. Karen will ask the speakers for copies of the handouts and send this to Deb.
      2. Deb will access the symposium attendees through the MRA website. Deb will include a note about thank you for coming to the event, a CEU document for their attendance, and an invitation to the spring mixer.
   2. Future Symposium Ideas-
      1. We will continue inviting our college and university students to the symposium for free.
      2. Encourage K-12 teachers/administrators/curriculum specialists to attend for CEUs.
      3. Winona State students serving as literacy leaders (student IRA group) will be invited to attend the event.
      4. MAR set a tentative date for the 2016 symposium for either January 7th or 12th, 2016. Karen will check on the room/space availability and notify the MAR Board on the official date.
2. ILA Honor Council Application- Kate has been in contact with Nancy Gamble at ILA. A few membership issues held up the process.  If we get this resolved, we might be eligible.

**New business:**

1. Spring Mixer Planning- April 25th 10:00-11:30 Hamline Anderson Room 305.
2. Attendees of the spring mixer will be encouraged to bring resources they use with students and/or staff to share with the group.
3. MAR members will provide literacy books to give away to the meeting.
4. Coffee/tea and pastries will be served at the event.
5. MAR will send a message out to members in early March.
6. Terri will send a draft of the save-the-date to Deb, Karen, and Chris. Deb will send out the message to the 2015 symposium participants.
7. The details for the spring mixer will be addressed at our next meeting in March.
8. MRA Event and Leadership Meetings—MAR needs representation and participation at the events.
9. Celebrate Literacy Event on March 6th at the Maple Grove Community Center
   1. Karen will combine Barnes and Noble gift cards along with other gift cards provided by other MAR members for the silent auction. If any members would like to contribute to this, please communicate with Karen Moroz.
   2. Deb will gather a collection of award winning books to be sold at the silent auction. Terri and Lisa will provide funds/books to support the collection.
   3. Bobbi will generate a basket of books to be sold at the silent auction, too.
10. MRA Leadership Meeting on March 7 from 9AP-3PM at the Maple Grove Community Center. Chris and Lisa will attend this meeting as representatives from MAR. Lisa will notify MAR Board members if she is unable to attend.
11. MAR Highlights article is due April 1, 2015. Chris will write the article. Possible topics for the article include: January symposium (topics of interest from the feedback surveys), description of MAR and information about the Honor Council process.
12. MAR 0fficers for the Next Term: New terms begin on July 1, 2015. Chris Johnson will be serve as the President of MAR. Ballots will be sent out to MAR members in February. Deb will share information on online resource to complete the process. MAR discussed using various forms of voting online to streamline the process. The following people have agreed to serve/be on the election ballot:
13. Treasurer- Bobbi Gale (1 year term)
14. Secretary- Lisa Krall (1 year term)

**Announcements/Comments/Concerns:**

* The International Reading Association has changed to the International Literacy Association (ILA). Minnesota members have not decided upon possible changes for MRA and MAR.
* MAR need to send information out to college students to encourage their participation.
* MACTE dates- Chris will look at connecting to MAR.
* Connections to AACTE were discussed.
* Bobbi will check on bylaws with appointed positions- membership, legislative, etc. She will share this information with the MAR Board.
* MAR will need to seek mentee to support Bobbi’s role as the treasurer.
* Membership role includes sending reminders to members to update membership and coordinating discussions with new members. Joan? Mary from the panel?
* Google Drive Group- Karen started this and we will continue using it to share documents.
* Eva and Bonnie will be forwarding legislative information to the Board.
* MRA summer conference with Hamline Summer Institute is scheduled for July 9, 2015. Dr. Nell Duke will be the keynote speaker.
* ILA Convention is July 17-20.
* Book Club- *Making Assessment Matter* by Nonie Lesaux & Sky Marietta will be the 2015 summer book club focus. Friday, September 25, 2015 will be the sponsored event with Nonie Lesaux. Book club leaders will come for dinner with Lesaux the night before the event. Book club leaders will help to facilitate discussions on September 25th.
* Present at the Summer Institute- MAR members are encouraged to participate. We will discuss this at the next Board meeting.

**Action Steps (what, who, when):**

* Handouts from the January 2015 Symposium- Karen will request from presenters and send to Deb.
* Message to January 2015 Symposium Attendees- Deb will send handouts, a thank you for attending message, CEUs document, and an invite to the Spring Mixer.
* Future 2016 Symposium- Karen will check with Hamline on January 2016 dates.
* Spring Mixer Information- Terri will help to send a message out to MAR members early March.
* MRA Celebrate Literacy Event- Deb, Karen, and Bobbi are coordinating materials to be sold at the silent auction for March 6, 2015.
* MRA Leadership Meeting- Chris and Lisa will represent MAR at the meeting in March.
* MAR Highlights Article- Chris will write this for MAR and submit it to MRA by April 1, 2015.
* 2015 MAR Board Elections- Bobbi will check on bylaws for appointed positions and to help coordinate the election process with Deb. Elections will be held in February.
* Expand Membership- All members are encouraged to invite more attendees/members to our events/symposiums.

**Date of next meeting:** 1-2:30PM,March 20, 2015, Hamline University 302

**Save the Date**: March 7, 2015: MRA Leadership Meeting