**Minnesota Academy of Reading**

Minutes

Meeting date: 4/25/14, 3-4

Meeting Location: Hamline University, Anderson 315

**Attendees:**

* Kate Kelly
* Deb Peterson
* Karen Moroz
* Pam Solvie
* Rod Winters
* Bobbi Gale
* Lisa Krall

**Officers' reports:**

* Co-President: Kate/Karen
* Secretary: Minutes approval with one change for the Celebrate Literacy Event leader recognition.
* Treasurer- MAR account balance of $7,892.27 (4/23/14). Bobbi sent money to the International Reading Association to sponsor an international outreach program for Honor Council Application

**Old business:**

1. Spring Mixer —Many great ideas (textbook options, professional articles, and technology resources) were shared at the April event. Beyond representatives of the MAR Executive Board, a teacher at the elementary level attended the event. In planning for the future Spring Mixers, the MAR Executive Board discussed possible strategies to encourage higher attendance. Timing (day, evening, and/or weekend), CEU options, and topic considerations were discussed. Possible ideas included:
	1. Bring in your latest “challenged” children’s literature/young adult book.
	2. Focus on one or two topics for the event.
2. Continued Discussion of Outreach Goals- Kate conducted research on the specifics for the Honor Council application. The guidelines will be made available on June 1st and the due date is on June 30. MAR will continue working on the application process.

**New business:**

1. Summer Literacy Institute Discussion – The MAR Executive Board discussed ways to promote MAR during the Summer Literacy Institute. Karen will coordinate the making of MAR buttons for member to wear at the event. Kate will generate an informational card on MAR to be placed in the bags Summer Literacy Institute participants receive. MAR discussed holding a drawing for free resource(s), but it was decided to consider this option for future events after the summer of 2014. MAR can use help with designing a logo. If anyone has contacts with a graphic designer (who is willing to work for free), please let Kate know.
2. Summer Book Clubs on Catherine Snow’s *Knowledge to Support the Teaching of Reading: Preparing Teachers for a Changing World (*2005)- Eva will contact people to be book club leaders soon. Approximately 20 book club leaders will be needed across Minnesota. Deb has generated discussion questions to go along with the text. The book clubs will meet twice during the summer of 2014. Books will be provided for the book club leaders and the participants. An announcement will be placed on the MRA website about the book club and the Fall MCRR and MAR Event with Catherine Snow (Friday September 26, 2014).
3. MAR Roster Updates- Bobbi has15 members listed on the official roster. She is in the process of making sure the contact information is accurate.

**Announcements/Comments/Concerns:**

* MAR had a discussion on the possible change in terminology when addressing English learners to Emergent Bilingual Speakers.
* The International Reading Association is changing to International Literacy Association.
* There was a discussion on the Minnesota licensure Standards for all K-12 teachers and incorporating reading standards within various content/licensure areas.

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

**Date of next meeting: June 10, 2014 3-4:30PM at Hamline University TBD- Cancelled**

**Save the Date**: Policy Event - Jan 12, 2015 Hamline University, Anderson 111 has been confirmed