Minnesota Academy of Reading

Executive Board Meeting

October 30, 2012

1. **Welcome and overview of the meeting—Deb Peterson**
2. **Treasurer’s Report—**Bobbi Gale submitted the treasurer’s report via e-mail just prior to the meeting.

* $2,357.59 is the current balance

1. **The April 27 Mixer Event**

* Kate reported that the Loft, a suggested meeting place for the Mixer Event, is not available on April 27. Other possible meeting locations were discussed. The Board discussed locations in which we could maintain collaboration with PK-12 members. Library spaces were proposed as locations meeting this criterion. Deb and Kate will check on possible locations, including the meeting room at the Anoka County Library in Roseville.
* Members will bring their favorite *Reading Teacher* or *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy* article for sharing. These articles could be ones that are being used in courses at the higher ed level, for professional development in PK-12 settings, or for one’s own professional practice.
* Participants will be asked to bring books that could be sent to partner schools, locally or internationally. (Deb knows of an organization that accepts books for donation, including children’s books, adult novels, and professional texts. The organization takes care of shipping expenses.)
* The Mixer Event will be free for MAR members.

1. **Professional Development for Faculty and Staff of Institutions of Higher Learning—Collaboration with MAR, MRA, MCRR, MDE, and the Sterns**

* The Sterns will fund a second speaking engagement for MaryAnn Wolfe. Gail will provide further updates via e-mail.

1. **Professional Gathering of Members at IRA**

* The Board spoke about planning a gathering for Minnesota members at IRA. Plans will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

1. **Plans for the January 2013 Event**

* Kate put together talking points that were sent out to invited panel members.
* Karen will follow up on a possible school board panel member. Eva will assist with this.
* Kate will serve as the panel moderator. The moderator will provide an introduction with a focus on the Common Core and its impact on teaching and will then introduce the panel members. The MAR Board will submit questions, and questions will be taken from event participants. The moderator will organize and pose the questions to the panel.
* Publicity has been sent out with save the date information. Gail will prepare formal cards for distribution at MACTE.
* Amy will proceed with plans for refreshments.
* Gifts will be provided for panel members. Chris recommended that a book by a Minnesota author be presented to panel members. Terri will purchase the gifts.
* A resource table with IRA/Common Core materials will be available for review. Deb will check with Kari Ross on recommendations. Board members will e-mail Deb with suggestions. Carolyn will check with Tracy Kubitz, a book distributor, for further resources. Deb, with input by Board members, will compile a resource list.
* Other responsibilities:
  + Decorations-Carolyn (box of resources and purchase of gift bags/baby’s breath), Amy (snow books), and Gail (snow people)
  + Bobbi-registration
  + Eva-folders with MRA event flyers and contact information for legislators and reading resource professionals
  + Amy-tents for panel members’ names and positions
  + Gail/Deb-preparation of the agenda
  + Program responsibilities
    - Welcome-Amy and Deb
    - Introduce Karen Balmer-Karen
    - Introduce Kari Ross-Carolyn
    - Transition and thank you-Teri
    - Membership information-Bobbi
    - Overview and panel moderator-Kate
    - Table talk-Eva and Chris
    - Conclusions and upcoming events-Pam
    - Door prizes and gifts to the panel-Gail and Rod

1. **MAR has seven presenters on Academic Language at MACTE on November 8th.**
2. **Next MAR Executive Board Meeting Date**

* December 13 12:30-2:00
* Caribou Conference Room (Across from the HarMar Mall)

**Members in attendance:** Eva Boehm, Terri Christenson, Carolyn Gwinn, Chris Johnson, Kate Kelly, Karen Moroz, Deb Peterson, Amy Smith, and Pam Solvie