

Minnesota Academy of Reading

Minutes

Meeting date: 2/26/14 1:00-2:30

Meeting Location: Hamline University, Drew Hall Conference Room 65

Attendees:

- Kate Kelly
- Deb Peterson
- Karen Moroz
- Bobbi Gale
- Terri Christenson

Officers' reports:

- Co-President: Kate/Karen
- Secretary: Approval of minutes
- Treasurer Report-Bobbi will send electronically as well. Our account right now has a balance of \$7961.16. Food for policy event has not yet been billed. Bobbi will check with Amy on this bill

Old business:

1. Review January policy event-Electronic Survey sent?
 - i. Bobbi will send a summary of the table event conversations electronically to all. These may direct MAR's future conversations/initiatives
2. AI Greenfield funds-continued conversation about potential uses
 - i. Kathy Cahill library in Ghana-May be an avenue to support teachers that could not otherwise be part of IRA. Kate will do some continued research on this.
 - ii. Karen will follow up with Julie Scullen regarding a connection through IRA Board—doing a scholarship for IRA membership of someone in a developing nation
 - iii. Sponsor a registration for Catherine Snow attendance (September/October 14)
 - iv. Inspiring K-12 and Higher Ed collaborative research—then presenting at a conference.

- v. College student—MRA membership—could be given to several students —**this seems to be an option that the group is favoring**. Higher ed faculty could nominate someone from their pre-service program.

New business:

1.Spring Mixer-April 12 9:30-11:30

- a. Location—the vote (Loft or Hamline) was very even. Karen will check into getting into Anderson Center. Parking available below Anderson.
- b. food-Karen will order—Starbucks coffee and muffins or Aarmark
- c. Topic(s) and format—all bring a professional resource (tech or print) to use with students
- d. Invitation-Kate will send out once we know date

2. Elections-Process and timelines

- a. Secretary--Lisa Krall has agreed to serve as secretary
- b. Co-Presidents--Chris Johnson has agreed to serve as president
- c. Bobbi will verify term length in bylaws
- d. Bobbi has worked on the prior ballot and will send to Lisa and Chris. Bobbi will continue to work on job descriptions.
- e. Bobbi will send ballot out
- f. All terms start July 1

3. Celebrate Literacy Event-March 7

- a. Nominations
 - 1. Deb Peterson was nominated collaboratively on behalf of MAR. It was determined that we could not nominate her with her current MRA Board work. It was recommended that we re-nominate Deb next year.
- b. Donations-several donations were received at the meeting. Eva is bringing her contribution to Deb. Bobbi will put together the basket and bring to the event.

4.Next year's January Event-need to look at a date and reserve a room

- a. Hamline-works well for parking—Karen will check on the large first floor rooms in Anderson

Announcements/Comments/Concerns:

Action Steps (what/who/when):

Date of next meeting: March 21, 2:00-3:30, Hamline University, TBD