

Minnesota Reading Association

[Executive Board]

Date: 10/13/12

Location: Eagan Community Center

Invitees Attend:

Jen McCarty

Jessie Crooker

Deb Peterson

Scott Voss

Linda Snowberg

Katie Bannon

Stephanie Brondani

Kate Kelly

1. Officer Reports

- a. Co-president (conference update)
 - i. Contacting speakers
 1. Lester Laminack (fee \$4000 + travel expenses)
 - a. Using books to teach about justice issues
 - b. Talks about standards, best practices
 2. Working on connecting w- Doug Fischer
 3. Trying to contact Lucy Calkins (but there looks to be something at TC that would prevent her from attending)
 4. Waiting to hear back from several others and open to contacting additional people (Nell Duke, Nancy Atwell, Cris Tovani, Kelly Gallagher, Tim Shanahan, Harvey Daniels, Stephanie Harvey, Lori Oskus, Kathy Schrock, Mary Shorey)
 - ii. Perhaps we can plan for one elementary-focused and one secondary-focused keynotes if we do have 2 keynote speakers
 - iii. Possible topics: Integrating tech into literacy, integrating writing into reading block, meeting common core standards, content-area literacy (discipline-specific literacy skills), moving beyond the personal narrative in writing
 - iv. Weighing having 2 keynotes or 1 keynote with breakouts at opposite time (might depend on who we can secure)
- b. Secretary
 - i. Review Constitution and Bylaws?
 - ii. Plan to bring a bylaw to each meeting to review
 - iii. Did we send something to Kari Ross? Ask Julie Scullen
- c. Past President
 - i. Website is functional
 - ii. Review sending group emails
 - iii. Review grants for the year

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1. Send out a call for a Grants chair
- iv. Taxes form is completed, forwarded to bookkeeper, will be uploaded to Wiggio (please take a look at it within a week of it being uploaded), need Joletta to sign it and send it in by Nov 15 (Scott will connect with Joletta to get her signature)
 1. Struggling to work with US Bank for additional check cards (right now we're locked out of our account because we don't have the new card for Linda); perhaps we need to talk to someone over our contact's head at US Bank or work with a new banker with more hours
- d. Newsletter
 - i. Submissions are in, working on formatting
 - ii. Would like to see a draft by end of week
- e. Membership
 - i. 4 new members since last meeting; total at 579
- f. Treasurer
 - i. Profit & Loss update
 - ii. Will clean up quickbooks categories, can fix expense form

Additional Discussion Points:

1. Fall Symposium update
 - a. We need to postpone so we have more time to plan since this didn't materialize in time
 - b. Central council has Jan event and could expand that
2. As part of our outreach, we could each select a council to attend (that is not our own) and report back; can provide treats or something; Jen will send out a Talking Points sheet
 - a. Deb will attend SW
 - b. Jen wants to reach out to Northwest, North Star, Red River, Viking (currently inactive councils)
 - c. Scott will attend SE
 - d. Linda will attend Central
 - e. Stephanie will attend TCARC
 - f. Arrowhead holds event in January that we could attend
 - g. Jessica will attend MAR
 - h. Kate will attend SRIC

Decision(s):

1. Jen makes a motion to pay mileage and a budget of \$50 per council to provide treats or a token for the event/meeting (and will get reimbursed). Stephanie seconds. Motion passes.
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2. MRA & MDE

- a. Full day MN ELA workshop (Implications for Gifted Learners) Jan 16
 - i. Could MRA present a breakout? Deb & Kate can present

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- b. Conference in DC about CCSS
 - i. Shared rubric available at <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/>
 - 1. Used to guide lesson development and for evaluating units
 - ii. MN team had some clear differences in interpretation in the implementing CCSS - good news is that there looks to be interest in developing a coalition to guide implementation; one of only states that has standards in implementation this year (most are planning for implementation)
 - 1. How can MRA provide support
 - a. MAAP, or MAASFEP conference
 - b. Academic Language (TPA)
 - iii. Sampler is available on a different website for MN assessments

3. Next meetings

- a. Dec 1
- b. Feb 9

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