**Minnesota Academy of Reading Executive Board Minutes**

Thursday, February 15, 2018

12:30-1:30PM

Barnes and Noble at the Har Mar Mall, Roseville, MN

**Members in Attendance:** Joan Sax-Bendix, Deb Peterson, Bobbi Gale, and Lisa Krall

**Officers Report:**

* **Secretary-** The minutes from December 14, 2017 were approved.
* **Treasurer-** The MAR budget is $6,3078.86.
  + **MRA and MAR will need to address budget issues to make sure the records are accurate.**
  + **Deb will send an email to Bobbi with contact information for the MRA President and Treasurer.**
  + Joan gave an invoice to Bobbi for the plaque for Cindy Whaley**.**
  + The HELP and Distinguished Scholars funds have been sent to the Upper-Midwest Branch of IDEA. These funds are not associated with MAR.

**Old Business:**

1.**January Symposium**- The symposium was a success despite the challenging weather.

* **Joan will place picture of Cindy Whaley’s plaque on the MRA website**.
* We discussed plans for next year’s symposium. MAR could bring in the new dyslexia specialist at MDE.

2. **MRA Updates-**

* Celebrate Literacy will be set in May instead of March at Davis Center in Minneapolis. Gifts for the silent auction will be collected in May. **Bobbi has a bag with some books for the donation. Bobbi may bring teacher resources to the event for a free give-away.**

**New Business:**

1. **MAR Executive Board Elections- March**

* Treasurer- Bobbi has agreed to continue on in this role and to help train in a new person to take on this role.
* Secretary- Joan Sax-Bendix has offered to run for this office.
* Co-Presidents- Wendy Richards and Lisa Krall

**Joan will send a list of current MAR members and former executive board members to Lisa.** **Lisa will email the MAR members to encourage them to attend our events and to take on more leadership roles with MAR.**

**Lisa will make a ballot through the MRA website and send it to MAR members.**

2. Spring Mixer- The Spring Mixer will be held on April 21, 2018 at 1-3PM Pierre Bottineau Library (<https://www.hclib.org/about/locations/pierre-bottineau> ) **Bobbi will check on the availability**. Participants are encouraged to bring educational resources to share with others.

3.Summer 2018 Book Club**-** *RTI in the Common Core Classroom*by Sharon Vaughn

**Deb will send out fliers to MAR members.**

4. Next Year’s January MAR Symposium**- Deb will contact Pam about hosting the symposium at Northwestern on January 17 or 18, 2019.** We may contact the MDE Dyslexia specialist to present information. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

5. Next Meeting**- Thursday, March 1st 1:30PM-2:30PM at Barnes and Noble in Har Mar Mall**

See BOLD for action items.