Minnesota Academy of Reading

April 11, 2023

3:00 pm

Virtual link: <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99880075355>

Passcode: **MAR**

MAR Mission:

*The purpose of this council shall be to (1) provide an opportunity for members to actively engage in the process of sharing and testing professional ideas; (2) engage in service functions of instruction, consultation, and evaluation.*

**Attendees:** Katie Barofsky, Deb Peterson, Michael Young, Lisa Krall, Joan Sax-Bendix

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from last meeting sent out with agenda

Treasurer: 3283.54- \* waiting for a check to cash for $25 for the annual student membership for our honor council application

Business**:**

1. **Guest Speaker: Abbey Payeur and book club**

* Decision? See below- share with membership. Opportunity for professional learning for those interested in the research behind conversation. Webinar with non-endorsement- What’s the deal about the science of reading with April 27th by Andy Johnson of Mankato, BSU, Spring Mixer, Summer Book Club- Lori Helman on Multi-lingual students.

Comments from last meeting: Spreading the word among higher education, however, not appropriate for all membership.

When: Apr 27, 2023, 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://minnstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VPTMCigoSZGpME9BlvZ5Vw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

A brief bio:

Dr. Andy Johnson is Professor of Literacy Instruction and Distinguished Faculty Scholar in the Department of Literacy and Elementary Education at Minnesota State University, Mankato. After teaching in the elementary classroom for 9 years, he received a PhD from the University of Minnesota in Literacy Instruction in 1997. He has been working in higher education for 27 years. He is the author of 15 books and over 50 academic articles and book chapters related to literacy, learning, and the human condition. He is also the host of the podcast, The Reading Instruction Show at <https://rss.com/podcasts/drandy>

The Science of Reading – Science of Reading advocates seem to be putting out a great deal of misinformation about reading instruction. Literacy experts are being ignored in favor of radio journalists. For-profit entities are promoting ideas that serve only to enhance their profit at the expense of our students. This webinar will explain exactly what the science of reading is and isn’t. It will provide a simple understanding of balanced literacy, the three cueing systems, evidence-based practices, eye movement during reading, word identification, word recognition, phonics instruction, phonemic awareness, direct instruction, and educational research. There will be plenty of time for discussion. Join us with your questions and comments.

1. **Bemidji State’s Conference: Connecting Students and Stories with Diverse Books** (Lisa Krall)

Find out cost of registration- Joan email Lisa

April Agenda- sponsor registration

Comments from last meeting:

* Advertise on website and social media, to MRA members
* Sponsor a few students- Teacher of Color or first 3 years of teaching- $100- used on the needs expressed

More information coming out for registration. Lisa on behalf of MAR $200 to students to come and work the event. July 25th and gathering on the night before.

Books from WSU on behalf of MAR

1. **MRA Leadership Meeting update** (Joan & Deb)

Here is the ELA Standards implementation page: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/stds/ela/imp/>

and specifically the shifts webinar: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/VideoNew/?group=Communications&id=PROD058823>

Social media person for MRA: [jamie.nelson9@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.nelson9@gmail.com)

Celebrate Literacy- student submissions- flyer and drawings for teachers of those submitting-

* March 17- submissions due
* April 28th celebration- Minneapolis school reserved

Web master and Vice president opening @ MRA

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wSxCubSZUDVT8hrFpoivo5WCU_RrFhUnZ85B1jRZBU/>

The Read Act:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OWN1Fyrgcxc0Fle5LkY9HTrgemVMfwmv/view?ts=63e32013>

Next meeting:

* March 18th 10:30-12pm – digital option

1. **Spring Mixer- “**Literacy Chats”- free event- send to Deb for MRA social media, Book drawing- MN book award- Children’s and Middle Level books suggestion

April 25th 4-5:30 pm – Virtual link

* 1 or 2 items to share, Standards link, Opportunity to share literacy resources- article, book activities with others- children’s books
* Share a resource to teach the standard
* Informal
* Google doc- MN book award finalists
* Joan will make invite- CEUs
* Opportunities to discuss how our teaching with the new standards, continue work from the symposium, come to learn even if they don’t have something to share
* Still to be decided: Lisa Hunninghake? Question from Wendy

It was so late, we will ask for another event in the future.

**22 registrants as of today**

1. **HELP Updates** (Deb & Joan)

Different angle from “Sold a story.”

Summer book clubs- Eva Boehm has been coordinating it in the past. Wendy Lundsgaard- Eva will hand over forms- HELP website

1. **LiRN** (Deb)

Discussing with partnering with MNCTE

Dr. Cherry Paul- 3rd session- April 18 @ 9-12 offered on Zoom.

Planning help needed

1. **Honor Council Application**- (work July 2022-June 2023)

This year’s needs: (red highlights

* + 1. Long Range Plan
    2. Brochure review
    3. Website/social networking
    4. Highlights newsletter
  + Part 2: Service to Local Community
    1. Summer Book Club leaders
    2. Celebrate Literacy
    3. Community donations
    4. Supporting Future/New Educator- 1-yr membership to WSU student- Jordyn Walters. – add to Newsletter
  + Part 3 Partnership with State/Provincial Chapter and ILA
    1. Membership Outreach
    2. Help Global Fund-
    3. Worldwide Literacy- Wendy (Jamaica)- collection date?

1. **Follow-up from December meeting**
   * Textbook list-faculty Qualtrics survey- waiting for list from Cari
2. **Elections**

* Nominations: president, president elect, treasurer, secretary, membership
* Email to membership for nominations?
* Elections: June?

1. **Transparent conversation**

SoR – looking at the scientific research of how we learn to read and taught to read. All the research. Use data to differentiate instruction- start with core instruction.

1. **Spring Semester meeting dates**
   * ~~Feb 14~~
   * ~~March 14~~
   * April 11
   * May 9