Minnesota Academy of Reading

April 18, 2020 Minutes

10-noon

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: Joan Bendix, Lisa Krall, Deb Peterson, Wendy Richards, Kate Kelly, Bobbi Gale

Reports:

* Secretary- no report
* Treasurer-
  + Balance as of March 31, 2020 = 5,083.04
  + The check for the March meeting has been cashed.
  + Someone deposited $260 in our account on March 9, 2020.  I think
    - It might be from MRA but there is no indication on the bank
    - statement.  MRA does have access to our account.  (I would
    - like MRA to sent an email to me/us when they do something
    - with our account – just a thought.)
  + I still have not heard from MRA on the funds owed to us.  I plan
    - to send MRA an invoice for each sum, but right now I can
    - not do that with the computer problem
  + The check I sent to MRA some months ago has not been cashed.

*Deb sent email to Bobbi, she will continue to check on this.*

Business:

1. MRA/ILA and COVID-19

*Discussed with each other the impact COVID-19 on classes, students, and how districts are dealing with online learning and impact on student teaching.*

*Discussion about childhood trauma caused by COVID-19 and teaching children- workshops/seminars, 1 credit courses at other universities.*

*ILA- Active Council even without March elections*

*MRA- have not had elections either.*

*Celebrate Literacy- have heard nothing yet*

*Unknown- Hamline Literacy and MRA day*

*Blair- secondary reading instructional coach; Abby Payeur @ Bethel starting a Dyslexia Certificate- join MAR previous*

1. HELP Updates

* Spring Webinar with Kristen McMaster (May 2020)

*1-hour webinar to support striving readers and students with characteristics of dyslexia*

*Tuesday, May 19 from 3-4 pm*

* Planning for summer book club- *Language at the Speed of Light* by Mark Seidenberg (more coming soon)- *trying to get ebooks*, *similar to a book that was read previously. Discussing the cost of the texts and how to cover that cost.*

1. LiRN Dates and Discussion Leaders
2. Elections – Election now impacts active council with MRA prior to June 30

* President*- Wendy/Lisa*
* Treasurer- *Bobbi*
* Secretary- *Wendy/Lisa*

1. Future Plans

* *Have a virtual/Zoom focus group. Share on ideas on zoom. Have a focus meeting in August. Needs Assessments- questions for focus group. August 12 @ 10 am – 12- Lisa will put on MAR website- post questions and share distance learning techniques and tips.*
* *Lisa will connect with Bobbi about the budget and MRA mid-May to discuss the finances. Reach out to MRA in June for July deadline.*
* *June/July have another meeting.*

1. Future meetings: (Thursdays or Fridays? 9:30-3PM)

* Friday, May 15 or 22 (2020-21 planning)
* June- Friday, June 19 @ 10 am
  + Application for Honor Council for this past year? July 2019-June 2020 needs – pencils/sharpeners for Jamaica- mail to Wendy or COVID safe pickup.
    - Events: count mixer and January symposium
    - Membership support- Emily Grenon (egrenon@ winona.edu) @ Winona State University SILA club president
  + Finalize August Focus zoom event

Other Events: