**Minnesota Academy of Reading Executive Board Minutes**

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

11-Noon

The Good Earth, Roseville, MN

**Members in Attendance:**

* Deb Peterson
* Kate Kelly
* Keitha-Gail Martin-Kerr
* Gail Jordan
* Joan Sax-Bendix
* Lisa Krall

**Officers Report:**

* Secretary – No minutes shared from the last meeting
* Treasurer—No report shared

**New and Old Business:**

1. HELP Member to MAR Executive Board-

Gail Jordon and Deb Peterson shared an update on Higher Education Literacy Partnerships (HELP) and the Sterns family pursuing an endowment to support the Distinguished Scholars Symposium in the future. MAR is being asked to coordinate registration and funding for future events. MRA is looking at a possible change with affiliation with ILA. MRA organizational changes will need to be made with MRA and all councils. MAR is part of MRA and we need to wait until we know more about the future impact before we can take on endowment coordination. MRA is considering hiring a professional bookkeeper manage funds. Eva Boehm and Gail Jordan plan to continue working on HELP and the Distinguished Scholars programs.

1. Legislative Updates-

Gail Jordan shared information about her participation with State legislators on literacy initiatives including licensure and dyslexia. **If you are interested in participating with this process, please contact Gail Jordan**.

1. ILA Report-

* Julie Scullen will serve within the ILA Ambassadors program.
* Deb Peterson will serve on the MRA Executive Board as the ILA Liaison for the next three years.
* Deb Peterson shared about the ILA Literacy Professional Standards. ILA is working on updating the standards and aligning the standards with CAEP. The documents will be available beginning January 2018. Deb wrote an article about this for the Fall 2017 MRA Highlights publication.

4. January Symposium Planning-

* Cindy Whaley (Martin Luther College from New Ulm) will be MAR’s honoree
* The event will be on Tuesday January 23rd or 30th
* **Deb will contact Pam Solvie to see if space at Northwestern will be available for the event.**
* **If Northwestern is not an option, Joan Sax-Bendix will check with Normandale Community College**.
* **Keitha-Gail will purchase books for the event (table decorations and door-prizes)**
* We may use an article from the summer book club as a focus for the symposium activity.

1. Summer Book Club and Distinguished Scholars-

**Let Deb know if you can be a table discussion leader for the symposium (September 29th at MDE).** MAR members may lead table discussions and attend the symposium for free. The keynote will be streamed live for those who cannot attend.

6. Honor Council-

**Kate is compiling information for MAR. Kate will contact MAR members for needed information**.

7. Recruitment-

Joan has generated a list of literacy instructors at the Minnesota State College and University literacy instructors. **Joan will also gather contacts on literacy leaders in school districts in Minnesota**.

8. Fall Meeting Dates-

Second Thursday of the Month- all at Barnes and Noble in HarMar Mall

* **September 14, 2017 1:30-3PM**
* **October 12, 2017 1:30-3PM**
* **November 9, 2017 1:30-3PM**
* **December 14, 2017 1:30-3PM**

See **BOLD** for action items.