**Minnesota Academy of Reading Executive Board Minutes**

Thursday, September 14, 2017

1:30-3:30PM

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

**Members in Attendance:**

* Bobbi Gale
* Deb Peterson
* Rod Winters
* Keitha-Gail Martin-Kerr
* Joan Sax-Bendix
* Kate Kelly
* Lisa Krall

**Officers Report:**

* Secretary – Minutes were approved from 8/8/17 with one adjustment.
* Treasurer— The current budget for MAR is $14,792.39. **Bobbi will confirm budgets with MRA.** College of Education and Human Development (U of MN) will send $1,000 for the expenses for the Distinguished Scholars Dinner to MRA.

**New and Old Business:**

1. January Policy Symposium Planning-

* Honoree- Cindy Whaley (Martin Luther College from New Ulm)
* Location-Hamline University Anderson Center (Karen Moroz coordinated the space.)
* Date and time- Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1-4PM
* **Refreshment- Karen Moroz will coordinate and contact Bobbi for funds.**
* **Advertisements- Save the date cards for MACTE- Rod will handout.**
* **Plaque to give to Cindy Whaley- Kate will send an email to Joan on what to include on a plaque. Joan will ask Cindy about what she intends to share at the symposium, how she would like to be addressed for the plaque and who she would like to invite to the symposium.**
* Cost- $10 for non-members, free for members
* **MAR will share the news about Cindy Whaley receiving the honor with areas near New Ulm**.
* MAR has offered to pay for Cindy one night in a hotel if weather becomes a factor.
* **Keitha-Gail will purchase books for the event (table decorations and door-prizes)**
* Agenda Draft
  + MDE update- 15 minutes
  + Honoring Cindy Whaley- 45 minutes
  + Topic- challenges of implementing reading interventions in Tier 1 and 2.
    - **Reading Corps and PRESS students/staff/faculty may come to share a story about an intervention. Eva Boehm may ask former students from Foundations course at U of MN. Each table could have a moderator to keep the group focus.**
    - Read an article and discuss. From Book Club text read Foormans tips for interventions.
  + **Scholastic—Keitha-Gail will ask Holly if she would like to come to our symposium and bring texts focusing on Tier 1 and Tier 2.**
  + MAR will check with another vendor if Scholastic is unable to come.

1. Summer Book Clubs and Distinguished Scholar-

* Dinner with Dr. Foorman for Book Club Leaders

Surly’s Brewery

520 Malcolm Ave. SE

Minneapolis, MN

5-8:00PM on Thursday, September 28, 2018

Eva Boehm sent out an email invitation. **RSVP by September 15, 2017 to Eva.**

* Distinguished Scholar Symposium

Minnesota Department of Education

9AM-3PM on Friday, September 29, 2018

**We need to recruit more attendees!**

3. Honor Council-

* **MAR will need to discuss long-range plan for MAR. We will discuss this at our next MAR Board meeting. Kate will bring materials to our next meeting.**

1. Recruitment-

* **Joan will send information about the Distinguished Scholars Symposium and the MAR January Policy Symposium to literacy leaders and administrators across Minnesota.**

5. New Minnesota Department of Education Literacy Specialist-

* Jenny Wazlawik has been hired by MDE to work with Cory Stai.

6. Legislative Updates-

* Deb met with the legislators to discuss teacher licensure and preparation requirements pertaining to dyslexia and reading difficulties. Deb shared how the new standards for educators adopted in 2010 require more reading instruction than in the past. The next meeting with the legislators is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2018 at 9am.
* **Contact Deb Peterson or Gail Jordan if you are interested/able to join the next legislator meeting in October.**

7. New ILA Standards for Literacy Preparation-

* New standards will be available January 2018.
* The standards will be aligned with the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
* Many schools/states will offer teaching certificates based on these standards.

8. MRA and Changes with ILA Connections-

* MRA is determining the changing a status to “limited non-group affiliation.”
* Currently a lawyer is looking at the ramifications of a change.
* More information about the changes will be available at the end of September.

9. MN Leaders for ILA-

* 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.
* Susan Paasch (Sauk Rapids Principal) is on the Executive Board of ILA (principal)

10. Upcoming Literacy Events in Minnesota-

* LitCrawlMN- Saturday, September 15, 2017- <http://www.litcrawlmn.com/>
* Leaders in Reading Network (LiRN)- Will focus on the text, Culturally sustaining pedagogies:  Teaching and learning for justice in a changing world.  Edited by Django Paris and H. Samy Alim- <http://mra.onefireplace.org/event-2656894>
* 75th Anniversary of Pokey Puppy and Little Golden Books- at the University of Minnesota on October 12, 2017 5:30-8PM <https://www.continuum.umn.edu/event/75th-anniversary-poky-little-puppy-little-golden-books/>

11. Fall Meeting Dates-

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

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

See **BOLD** for action items.