**Minnesota Academy of Reading**

Agenda

Meeting date: 9/19/14, 1-2:30

Meeting Location: Hamline University, Anderson 302

**Attendees:**

* Deb Peterson
* Terri Christenson
* Chris Johnson
* Karen Moroz
* Kate Kelly
* Bobbi Gale
* Rod Winters
* Lisa Krall

**Officers' reports:**

* Co-President
* Secretary: Minutes- Minutes approval with one adjustment amount to the Treasurer’s report with an account balance of $7,892.
* Treasurer: MAR account balance is $8186.07 (9/19/14).

**Old business:**

1. Summer Literacy Institute Debrief---The committee shared positive reactions on the collaboration between Hamline University’s Summer Literacy Institute and the Minnesota Reading Association. The organizers received positive feedback on the location, the food, and the variety of professional development opportunities. This year, an electronic evaluation was used to gather feedback. The electronic feedback received lesson feedback than previous “paper” surveys. MRA and Hamline University would like to collaborate again in the future. The Summer Literacy Institute for 2015 will be held one week earlier July 7-10, 2015 (Tuesday through Friday). This change is in response to an International Reading Association’s Convention date conflict.
2. Summer Book Clubs & Catherine Snow Event - Currently, 75-80 participants are registered for the Friday, September 26th event. Book club leaders fees are waived for the Friday session with Dr. Snow. Deb Peterson may ask MAR members to lead table talk discussions during the event on Friday.
3. IRA Honor Council Application---Kate Kelly is working on completing the application for the November 26th deadline. Kate provided the MAR Board members with information on the application process and her initial work completing the application. The MAR application will be uploaded to Google Docs to allow MAR Board members to collaborate when completing the requirements. Chris Johnson will provide information to Kate on his work with student teachers and State testing requirements. Chris will also provide MAR with information on his work in Cuba. The MAR Board discussed possible goals to bring in geographical and educational diversity to MAR. A decision will need to be made about allocating time and resources for future Honor Council applications.

**New business:**

1. January Event Planning- MAR will need to select a theme. Possible ideas for the event include:
* Updates from the new Chair of the Minnesota Board of Teaching
* Updates from Cori Stai (Minnesota Department of Education Reading Specialist)
* Writing
* EdTPA
* Common Core
* Dyslexia
1. MAR Highlights Article Due 10/1 for the Minnesota Reading Association’s Newsletter- Karen Moroz will write an article on the Catherine Snow events, a Save the Date for our January event, and information on our Honor Council application.
2. IRA Grants and Awards – Information was provided at the meeting. MAR will discuss the information during the October meeting.

**Announcements/Comments/Concerns:**

* MAR is sending a “thinking of you” card to Gail Jordan.
* Kate Kelly is getting married July 11, 2015.
* Chris Johnson will try to recruit students and faculty for our future meetings.
* It was recommended that we strengthen MAR’s interactions with two-year colleges.
* Chris Johnson shared information about the College Reading and Learning Association’s (CRLA) 47th Annual Conference in St. Paul on November 5-8, 2014. <http://www.crla.net/> CRLA could allow MAR to expand interactions with college literacy and preparation programs.
* MAR members discussed ideas to address dyslexia initiatives.
* MAR will try to invite special education colleagues to our future MAR Board Meetings.

**Action Steps (what, who, when):**

* Chris Johnson will provide information to Kate Kelly on his work with student teachers, his presentations, and his work with Cuban literacy to be included on the Honor Council application.
* Karen Moroz will submit an article to the Minnesota Reading Association’s newsletter by October 1, 2014.
* Kate Kelly will upload MAR’s application documents to Google Docs for the Honor Council application for MAR collaboration.
* Someone will need to share our September 19, 2014 minutes and record the minutes for our October 3, 2014 meeting. Lisa Krall will not be attending the meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** 1-2:30,10/3/14, Hamline University (room TBD)

**Save the Date**: Policy Event - Jan 12, 2015 Hamline University, Anderson 111 has been confirmed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Krall