**Minnesota Academy of Reading Executive Board Minutes**

Thursday, October 12, 2017

1:30-3:30PM

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

**Members in Attendance:**

* Kate Kelly
* Deb Peterson
* Bobbi Gale
* Rod Winters
* Liz Fogarty
* Lisa Krall

**Officers Report:**

* Secretary – Minutes were approved from September 14, 2017.
* Treasurer— The current budget for MAR is $14, 079.43 as of October 10, 2017. **Bobbi and Deb are working with MRA to address budget issues with past payments. Bobbi will look at budget information on the Distinguished Scholars and MAR over the past five years.**

**New and Old Business:**

1. Summer Book Clubs/ Distinguished Scholar Dinner/ Distinguished Scholar Presentation -

* HELP- The Sterns family has drafted a letter of agreement for MAR to control the budget for the Distinguished Scholars and the Summer Book Clubs. As MRA’s future is being addressed with ILA, MAR will know more on how to proceed with budgets.
* Approximately 60 people attended the Distinguished Scholars Symposium last month.
* Four people live-streamed the symposium. **Deb will ask those who live-streamed the symposium for feedback.**
* All the money received during the symposium pays for future Distinguished Scholars Symposiums and summer Book Club events.
* Sharon Vaughn will be the Distinguished Scholar for September 28, 2018.

<https://education.utexas.edu/faculty/sharon_vaughn>

2. January Symposium Planning

* Location - Hamline University, Andersen Center - Karen
* Date and time - January 23rd, 2018 @ 1pm - 4pm
* Refreshment – **Lisa will ask Karen about an update.**
* Advertisements – Rod has created a “save-the-date” card with the help of a student helper to be distributed at MACTE. **He will send out a PDF of the cards to MAR members to share with others.** **Rod will invite the student helper to attend the January symposium.**
* Registration – Deb will work on this. MAR will discuss asking for information on the registration form about participant experiences with interventions. Students can attend for free.
* Plaque – **Rod will ask Joan about the plaque and what Cindy will talk about during her speech.**
* Draft Agenda –
  + 15-minutes- MDE Update
  + 45-minutes- Honoring Cindy Whaley and Cindy’s Speech
  + 15-minutes- Refreshments and Recruiting (Joan)
  + Group Discussion- (Ideas)
    - Make connections between Cindy’s discussion and the topics of the symposium.
    - Post road-blocks to interventions and components of effective interventions based on Foorman’s work (1/2 hour)?
    - Create table groups based on interests/resources shared?
    - Share Scholastic intervention resources? **We need to ask Keitha-Gail about her discussions with Scholastic and the suggested plans for the symposium.**

3. Honor Council – Kate

* **We discussed strategies to make more connections with MACTE and to keep this as a “standing topic” for MAR meetings**.
* Kate suggested adding our MAR goals to the bottom of the MAR agenda so we can align our work with the goals.
* Karen Herbst- student from Bemidji State University who earned the ILA and MRA student membership last year. **Lisa will reach out to Karen to make sure she was able to register for MRA**.
* We discussed recruiting professors/teachers working with special education programs to be part of MAR. **Rod will reach out to a colleague in Winona**.

4. Recruitment – Joan was unable to attend our meeting.

5. Legislative Update – Deb

* Deb shared a legislative “draft” to add specific language under reading preparation.

6. MRA Updates – Deb

* No new updates at this point. MRA is still waiting for lawyer responses to the organizational influences of MRA separating from ILA. The change will be a long process.

7. Fall Meeting Dates-

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

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

Announcements:

* Minnesota earned a $21.2 million from the Striving Readers and Comprehensive Literacy Federal Grant- <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDE/bulletins/1b9839b>
* The Board of Teaching has changed its name to Professional Educator Licensure Standards Board.

See **BOLD** for action items.