Minnesota Academy of Reading

April 24, 2021 Minutes

11AM Zoom

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:** Deb Peterson, Kate Kelly, Wendy Richards and Lisa Krall

Reports:

Secretary: Lisa will take on the duties for Jennifer.

Treasurer: ILA cashed Global Fund check. Currently $4,019.74.

Business**:**

1. **MAR Spring Mixer Review** (16 registered with 8 attendees)

* Google Drive- (resources from <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WU6rhXBIFtRYj2cdghYPXXWO1wjjiXMQ?usp=sharing>
* Lisa will send out 1-hour CEU to participants and Qualtrics survey

1. **MRA Updates**

* MRA Celebrate Literacy May 7th- flyer info- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-SsQJwuIeekntVNV8IMQwWyYu4QSSVE5KMzV0QQOT5Y/edit?usp=sharing>
* Celebrate Literacy-No submissions have been made by students. MRA has extended the deadline until mid-May. We will help to pay for journals/awards for the students. MAR will donate $200 to the event.

1. **HELP Updates**

Nell Duke Webinar (free) May 19th 4-5PM <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=krq64xoab&oeidk=a07ehkwrm7s8c76d2a3>

1. **Hamline Summer Literacy Institute** virtually July 12-15, 2021 with equity focus. <https://www.hamline.edu/summer-literacy-institute/>
2. **Next Meeting** in June 10, 2021 1-3PM Zoom or at Lisa Krall’s house

* Plan for 2021-22
* Bring books to donate- children’s literature/adult literature

1. **Honor Council Application**- blue= need to do

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/awards-and-grants/ila-honor-award-guidelines.pdf>

Part 1: Service to Chapter Members

* + 1. Long Range Plan

Options (3)

1. Image Brochure (done)

E. Supporting Future/New Educators-St. Kates- done

F. Professional Development- Spring Mixer and February Symposium- done

Part 2: Service to Local Community (3)

C. Advocacy- HELP

E. Young Authors- Donate $200 for the event

F. Community Service- book donations to PRISM- Lisa will drop off books June

Part 3 Partnership with State/Provincial Chapter and ILA

A. Chapter Members- 10+- met

B. State Recommendation- MRA letter of recommendation- get June 2021

C. Support State Goals- <https://mra.onefireplace.org/AboutMRA>

**Mission Statement**The Minnesota Reading Association actively promotes lifelong literacy for all. We encourage professional interaction among all organizations involved with literacy and provide resources for exemplary literacy practices and habits.

**Our Goals  
Promote networking and collaboration in the area of literacy:**

* Maintain a website of resources and professional connections
* Create and maintain partnerships to broaden current knowledge in literacy to schools, home and community
* Publish a newsletter four times a year
* Connect with our membership through on-going emails and website

**Provides resources and opportunities for professional growth and leadership development:**

* Present a yearly conference for membership
* Organize Leadership meetings for local and state council members
* Offer opportunities for professional growth

**Supports literacy efforts across the state of Minnesota:**

* Promote Legislative awareness
* Recognize literacy leadership through the Celebrate Literacy Award
* Recognize outstanding young authors through the Writers are Readers Celebration
* Provide grant opportunities
* Recognize local Honor Councils

D. Support ILAs Mission- <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/about-us>

Our mission is to empower educators, inspire students, and encourage leaders with the resources they need to make literacy accessible for all.

Part 4: Service to International Community (choose 2)

1. Help Support the Global Fund- write check to…- done

D. International Literacy- Jamaica pencils/sharpeners- done

1. **Research Project –** Kate will submit the IRB to St. Kate’s this week. Lisa will enter the survey on Qualtrics with a plan to send out the survey to MRA members and post on personal social media.