Minnesota Academy of Reading

June 10, 2021 Minutes

10AM 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:

Treasurer: Current balance for MAR is $3,972.74. Student membership

Business**:**

1. **Literacy Study During COVID-19**

* Survey went to 1,863 MRA members through MRA website and two email through Qualtrics.
* Lisa will send the survey out on Tuesday, June 15th via Qualtrics.
* Survey will close July 1st. Lisa will send out data to study team by July 2nd.
* Apply for Education MN Fall conference presentation? Proposal due June 30th.
* Question analysis allocations:
  + Items #14 and #15- Deb
  + Items #17 and #18- Wendy
  + Items #19 and #20- Kate
  + Items #16 and #21- Lisa

**You are invited to participate in the**   
**Minnesota Academy of Reading**

**Literacy During COVID-19 Study**

Greetings from the Minnesota Academy of Reading!  
We know this has been quite a year for literacy learning! Members of MAR are conducting a study **Investigating MN Literacy Teacher Insights During COVID-19**. We would like to hear from you through taking the survey following the link below:

**Follow this link to the Survey:**   
<https://bemidji.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eG9C5kRAjtD77U2>

Or copy and paste the URL into your internet browser

The survey will close on **June 30th!** Thank you for considering this opportunity. We hope to hear from you!  
Best,  
Kate Kelly  
Wendy Richards  
Deb Peterson  
Lisa Krall  
MAR Executive Board

1. **HELP Updates**

* Summer Book Clubs- <https://helpliteracymn.org/book-clubs>
* Deb’s summer book club dates:
  + Tuesday, June 22 7:00 p.m.
  + Tuesday, June 29 7:00 p.m.

1. **Hamline Summer Literacy Institute** virtually July 12-15, 2021 with equity focus. <https://www.hamline.edu/summer-literacy-institute/>

* MRA date July 12th

1. **LiRN *Cultivating Genius***

* September 30, 2021
* January 25, 2022
* March 28, 2022

1. **Next Meeting** in July 20, 2021 1-3PM Zoom or at Lisa Krall’s house

* Plan for 2021-22
  + Fall 2021- work on research study and plan January Symposium (literacy leader award)
  + Winter/Spring- January 21, 2022- Date for in-person with virtual opportunity at University Northwestern

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