Minnesota Academy of Reading

June 19, 2020 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:** *Lisa Krall, Joan Sax-Bendix, Bobbi Gale, Deb Peterson, Kate Kelly*

Reports:

* **Secretary**- *will be sent by Joan after this meeting.*
* **Treasurer**- Bobbi, Wendy and Lisa met to discuss the next steps for financial status. Lisa sent a message to Sarah H. to set up a Zoom meeting to discuss finances between MAR and MRA. We are waiting to hear back. Joan has selected a student to receive the ILA/MRA membership. *Heard from Sarah H. on 6/18 and would like to Zoom Monday or Wednesday of next week to discuss the finances. Lisa and Bobbi will meet with Sarah H. via zoom next week. Kate is willing to be treasurer as well. Free at 10 am.*

Business**:**

1. **Elections** (now or after August meeting)

* President- Wendy and Lisa (willing to continue on)- *Continuing next year. Mentor a president elect candidate throughout the year.*
* Treasurer- Bobbi (Lisa will assist and can be on the account)- *Kate is willing to be treasurer.*
* Secretary- Joan (or Wendy if Joan is taking a true sabbatical)- *Wendy and Lisa would be the secretary unless someone else steps up in the August meeting.*

1. **~~August Meeting~~**(August 12th at 10AM- Zoom) *MAR Focus Group: Planning for the future*

*These are the earlier conversations. Using zoom breakout rooms. Posted on the website, (MRA and MAR, Literacy Professor list from HELP, email the social media person to add to Facebook and Twitter; Wendy will put on Instagram) send email 3 times: end of June, another end of July, with a reminder being sent on the 9th of August.*

* + Welcome- Wendy and Lisa
  + Introductions (all)
  + Mission of MAR- Lisa

*include MAR activities*

* + Events- January Symposium (topic?) and Spring Mixer- Deb
  + Discussions- (can be a survey too)- *Using zoom breakout rooms depending on number of participants*
    1. Why are you here? *Why are you interested in MAR?*
    2. *What can MAR do for you?*
    3. *What would you like MAR to do in the future?*
    4. How do you want to be involved?
    5. ~~What do you need?~~
    6. What dates/time/locations work best for you?

1. **HELP Updates**

* **Summer book club**- *Language at the Speed of Sight* by Mark Seidenberg <https://helpliteracymn.org/activities>

*Dr. Seidenberg 1-hour webinar in the fall. Moved away from distinguished scholar symposium and moving to hour long webinars. Currently HELP is negotiating a contract with Dr. Seidenberg for the fall webinar. Idea to have a follow-up discussion with a few weeks afterward. Possibly reconvene the book club groups for the follow-up discussions.*

1. **LiRN Dates** (Sept. 24, Nov. 19 and Feb. 4) and Discussion Leaders

*LiRN planning committee has not met since March 11. Waiting to meet in August to decide about the fall dates whether they are happening virtually or not. Deb will let us know any updates. Digital leaders will be needed for the different zoom rooms. Deb will be recruiting discussion leaders at that point.*

*Deb will email the flyer with bios of the speakers and the title of the book.*

1. **MRA**

*Transitioning to new officers.*

*Anti-racist documents are on the MRA website.*

*Next week, ILA will share more information regarding the October ILA Conference.*

*Read the emails.*