

IOWA READING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 12, 2012  
PIZZA RANCH, AMES, IOWA

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Julie Neal at 10:15 a.m.
- II. Roll call included: Julie Neal, Tony Pieper, Wendy Hammrich, Nancy White, Heidi Meyer, Carol Duehr, Candace Booth, Rebecca Pashek, Nancy Wright, Brenda Nugteren, Renee Thomas, and Deb Mortensen.
- III. Approval and/or Additions to the Agenda: Add IV. Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes and then move all other items down one Roman numeral. Brenda Nugteren moved and Renee Thomas seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- IV. Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes: Deb Mortensen and Carol Duehr were appointed to approve the minutes.
- V. President's Report – Julie Neal reported that "The Sisters" are going to be featured speakers at the 2013 Summer Conference (June 25-26, 2013). There will be more structure to the book study for next year. It will be on the *CAFÉ* book. It needs to be "The Sisters" book study format. This year there were 111 people who registered through Viterbo University for the book study credit. There are 137 people registered for the first summer conference as of May 11, 2012. Julie reported on discussions she had with other officers from various states while she attended the International Reading Association Convention in Chicago. Memberships are down and many states are experiencing money woes.
- VI. Vice-President's/President Elect's Reports – Tony Pieper gave an oral update on the 2012 conference. Nancy Wright moved and Heidi Meyer seconded that we dispense with the President's Reception following the Awards Banquet with recognition of their service during the Awards Banquet. Motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Heidi Meyer read the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets from TD&T as of March 31, 2012. For Summer Leadership Iowa Reading will pay: meals for all board members, 1/2 hotel room for all board members, and mileage for all board members (one round trip). For the Iowa Reading Conference Iowa Reading will pay: meals for executive board, 1/2 hotel room for all board members, and registration for executive board members.
- VIII. State Coordinator's Report: State Coordinator Deb Mortensen gave an oral report. She presented Wendy with a canvas bag with her theme for the 2013 Conference stitched on it. She reported on the awards Iowa received during the International Reading Convention in Chicago. Honor Council was presented to Hardy Council for 28 years and Eastern Iowa Council received it for 14 years. Iowa Reading received the Award of Excellence. Iowa also received the Gold Membership Award for increased student membership. Deb reminded Board members that the quote for Leadership this summer is "What tune and artist does your professional life reflect and why?" Board members are asked to send their response to Deb before Leadership. Board members will pay for their own meal on Sunday night at Pizza Ranch. On Monday the breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. and Rayann Mitchell from IRA will lead us on becoming more effective leaders. Then registration will begin at 9:30. Local council officers

need to be International members. Leadership will start at 10:00 a.m. and last until 8:00 p.m. The conference then follows on Tuesday and Wednesday.

IX. Correspondence – none

X. New Business:

- a. 2013 Conference Updates – Wendy gave an update on speakers for the conference. One possibility is Jarrett J. Krosoczka whose book *Lunch Lady* is a graphic novel. She met him at the IRA Convention in Chicago. Peter Johnston and also “The Sisters” are committed for June 25. Barry Lane will perform a Literacy Cabaret on June 26. Wendy and the Board clarified the conference responsibilities and who is responsible for various aspects.
- b. Proposed Bylaw Changes – Wendy
  - I. Article XII, Section 11, Duties of the Publications Committee - tabled until the June Board meeting
  - II. Article XII, Section 12, Duties of the Public Relations Committee – tabled until the June Board meeting
  - III. Article XII, Section 13, Duties of Studies and Research Committee  
Wendy Hammrich moved and Candace Booth seconded that Iowa Reading support only the two scholarships (\$250 each) for the coming budget year and that we keep the line item for the research grants but recommend to the Budget Committee that zero dollars be allocated to that line item for the coming year. Much discussion was held. Motion carried.

XI. Zone Directors’ Reports: Written reports from Zones C, E, G, H, and I were emailed to Board members and an oral report was given by Candace Booth, Zone D. She said that attendance has been down at the Quint County Council meetings. **All** Zone Directors are encouraged to submit a written report to Clark in a timely manner before the Board meetings so it can be sent out to all Board members via email.

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Awards: no report.
- b. Budget: Budget chair Heidi Meyer reported that the budget is on track for the fiscal year.
- c. Bylaws, Policies, Procedures: no report
- d. Creative Writing: no report
- e. Iowa Merit Council: Brenda Nugteren reported that 7 councils achieved Merit Council status. They will receive their awards at the Awards Banquet during Conference. An article about the winning councils will be in the upcoming newsletter.
- f. Legislative: Julie Neal will continue to post legislative updates on our website. She receives information from Richard Long. A suggestion was made to have a link on our website right to his.
- g. Long Range Planning: Deb Mortensen suggested rezoning the boundaries for our zones in the future. A possibility of having a student media award contest in the future was discussed. This would be in addition to the creative writing and poetry contests.
- h. Membership: Student Membership Chair Sandy Bahler submitted a written report.

- i. Nominating: Candace Booth submitted a written report and also gave an oral report. Profiles and pictures of the newly elected officers and zone directors will be in the upcoming newsletter.
- j. Poetry: no report
- k. Publications: Nancy White submitted a written report and gave an oral report. Deadline for submitting articles for the May newsletter is now ASAP. Renee Thomas volunteered to write an article for the Teacher Tech Time column. Hopefully the newsletter will be sent out before the K-12 schools are out for the summer.
- l. Studies and Research: this was discussed earlier in the meeting
- m. International Project: no report

XIII. Announcements:

- a. Iowa Reading Association Executive Board Meetings: May 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch, Ames, Iowa
- b. Iowa Reading Association Board Retreat: June 24, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch, Ames, Iowa
- c. Iowa Reading Association Board Meeting: June 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch, Ames, Iowa
- d. Iowa Reading Association Leadership Workshop: June 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at The Hotel at Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa
- e. Iowa Reading Association Conference, June 26 and 27, 2012, Scheman Conference Center, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

- XV. Adjournment: Nancy Wright moved and Wendy Hammrich seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy White, Secretary  
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