

IOWA READING ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 6, 2013
PIZZA RANCH, AMES, IOWA

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Tony Pieper at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Roll call included: Tony Pieper, Wendy Hammrich, Deb Mortensen, Nancy White, Heidi Meyer, Lynette Kruger, Lori Vicker, Diane Bean, Candace Booth, Rebecca Pashek, Wendy Matson, Brenda Nugteren, Renee Thomas, Nancy Wright, and Clark Goltz. Robin Brierly was a guest.
- III. Approval and/or Additions to the Agenda: Heidi Meyer moved and Lynette Kruger seconded to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.
- IV. Committee to Approve the Minutes: Renee Thomas and Diane Bean volunteered to approve the minutes.
- V. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Diane Bean moved and Becky Pashek seconded to approve the Consent items. Consent items included Board of Directors minutes from January 12, 2013, Zone Director Reports, and Committee Reports. Motion carried.
- VI. Officer Reports –
 - a. President's Report – Tony Pieper reported that we have 24 sessions each day for conference concurrent sessions of 45 minutes each. Tony suggested that in the future we change the address on the proposal forms to the president instead of the conference chair. Several Board members volunteered to bring document cameras from their schools for the rooms.
 - b. President Elect/State Conference Chair's Report – Wendy Hammrich shared a draft of the daily schedule for each conference day. So far we have 400 people registered for the conference. Wendy asked for volunteers to be room monitors for the concurrent sessions. Wendy contacted all of the committee chairs and asked if they were willing to be a committee chair for the following year. Clark asked the vendors to donate door prizes.
 - c. Vice President's Report/Long Range Planning – Deb Mortensen reported that she has sent out letters of recognition to Board members' supervisors. Deb has been reviewing the Bylaws. All of the changes that were made this year were policies so they do not need to be voted on at Delegate's Assembly. Deb has some speakers contacted for the June 24-25, 2014 conference. The theme is Literacy is All "Write". Deb has been writing weekly blurbs about the 2013 conference that are being sent out by our webmaster to all members. The Long Range Planning Committee is considering ideas about possibly restructuring the state into areas rather than zones.
 - d. State Coordinator's Report – Nancy Wright reported that she sent in all documentation for the Award of Excellence and we are receiving this award at the IRA Convention in San Antonio. Hardy Reading and Eastern Iowa received Honor Council status again. Nancy has been in communication with the state coordinator from Connecticut and sharing materials with her. International Reading is holding a Council Leadership Academy in Minneapolis June 27-29, 2013. All attendees are responsible for their own travel expenses. No one from the Iowa Reading Board will be attending as that is

the same week as our Leadership and state conference. No money has been allocated in the budget for these expenses. Nancy asked Board members to send her literacy quotes for use at Leadership. This year it is "Iowa Reading is like....(name of a book) because...." Nancy will be sending out Save the Date postcards about Leadership.

- e. Membership Director's Report – Lynette Kruger gave an oral report. There will be a \$1 sale table at the membership booth at conference. Board members are encouraged to donate gently used resource materials for this sale. Lynette voiced concern about the lack of materials sent by International. She has an authors' chair for the conference.
 - f. Treasurer's Report – Heidi Meyer gave an oral report. Our total assets are \$145,516.80. The report will be filed for audit.
 - g. Secretary/Publications Report – Nancy White submitted a written report and gave an oral report. Nancy noted that the deadline to submit articles for the May 2013 newsletter issue is May Day (May 1). Pictures of local council creative writing and poetry winners will be featured. Becky Pashek volunteered to write an article for Council Corner about the writing contests.
 - h. Executive Director/Book Study Report – Clark Goltz reported that 43 teachers have turned in their paperwork for the state wide class credit.
- VII. Correspondence – Secretary Nancy White will send a sympathy card on behalf of Iowa Reading to Zone Director Deanna Stoube on the loss of her father.

VIII. Discussion Items:

- a. Audit – Everything is complete for the audit.
- b. Merit Council Optional Item: Membership Development #3 – This item to include book studies or classes sponsored by a school district or local reading council. Councils may submit merit council materials either in print or electronic format versions.
- c. 2013-2014 State-Wide Book Study – Debbie Diller will be the author of the books we will use for the state-wide book study for 2013-2014.
- d. Treasurer Office Opening – The office of treasurer is still open for the 2013-2015 term. Treasurer Heidi Meyer will help with the audit for 2012.
- e. Outreach, Inc. Conference Proposal – Following discussion about the proposal from Outreach it was decided not to support their proposal at this time.
- f. Miscellaneous – Clark serves on the Iowa Reading Research Center Advisory Board and the IRRC Summer School Advisory Subcommittee. This Iowa Department of Education sponsored committee is working on changes that align the Iowa Core along with effective teaching strategies for literacy.

IX. Announcements:

- a. International Reading Association Annual Convention: April 19-22, 2013 at San Antonio, Texas
- b. Iowa Reading Association Executive Board Meeting: May 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pizza Ranch, Ames, Iowa
- c. Iowa Reading Association Board Retreat: Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch, Ames, Iowa
- d. Iowa Reading Association Board Meeting: Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch, Ames, Iowa
- e. Iowa Reading Association Leadership Workshop: Monday, June 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at The Hotel at Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa

f. Iowa Reading Association Conference, June 25 and 26, 2013, Scheman
Conference Center, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

X. Adjournment: Diane Bean moved and Wendy Hammrich seconded that the meeting
be adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy White, Secretary
Iowa Reading Association