

IOWA READING ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Pizza Ranch, Ames, IA

January 14, 2017

- I. The meeting was called to order by Co-President Heidi Stangl at 11:20 a.m.
- II. Present: Heidi Stangl, Debra Wake, Stephanie Laird, Julie Schuller, Nancy White, Nancy Wright, Clark Goltz, Michelle Swanson, Diane Bean, Marlene Reece, Mary Daughetee, Becky Pashek, and Renee Thomas.
- III. Approval and/or additions to the agenda- Under Zone Director Report delete Zone D report. Diane Bean moved and Michelle Swanson seconded we approve this deletion. Motion carried.
- IV. Diane Bean and Mary Daughetee volunteered to read the January 14, 2017 minutes. Nancy White will send the minutes to them electronically for their approval before putting on the Iowa Reading Association website.
- V. Approval of the October 15, 2016 Executive Board minutes- The motion was made by Diane Bean and seconded by Debra Wake that these minutes be approved. All were in favor.
- VI. Zone Director Reports: Written reports were received from Zones E, G, and H. Zone C gave an oral report. Zone I Director participated in the meeting via ZOOM on the computer. Mary Daughetee shared an article about READ council that was recently published in the *Dubuque Telegraph Herald* newspaper.

Committee Reports-

1. Awards- Nothing new to report on at this time. All information is found at www.iowareading.org.
 2. Creative Writing/Poetry – Discussion was held regarding to accept entries in the future from non-council affiliated entries. Suggestions were given for improvements for next year's contests.
 3. Local Council Grants- All ten councils who applied for this grant were approved. Nancy Wright submitted the vouchers for payment.
 4. International Project- A video about "Africa Reads" is now on our website.
 5. Karla Bronzynski Scholarship Award – no report
 6. Long Range Planning/Restructuring- Diane Bean reported that she'll have the new zone structured map ready for discussion at the April 7 meeting.
 7. Merit Council- no report
 8. Nominating- There was no report. Positions for Zone Directors G, H, and I are up for election this year.
 9. Technology and Literacy- Chair Renee Thomas informed the Board that Jeff Vaughn, Anamosa Community School District and a member of Eastern Iowa Reading Council, was the grant recipient this year. Local Council President Nancy White will announce the award and present Jeff with a check for \$50 from the Iowa Reading Association at the Eastern Iowa Reading Council meeting on Jan. 25.
- VII. Officer Reports

- a. Co-President's Report- Debra Wake and Heidi Stangl have received 8 concurrent session proposals so far. Many more are needed! Debra encouraged councils to promote the "Africa Reads" international project and show the video at local council meetings.
- b. President Elect/State Conference Chair Report- Stephanie Laird is busy with preparations for the 2017 conference "Dive Into Literacy". Volunteers to assist keynote speakers are still needed.
- c. Vice President's Report- Julie Schuller shared the logo for the 2018 conference "Literacy Landmarks". Some of the speakers she has include Mike Lockett, Kate Roberts, Heather Gudenkau, Katie Muhtaris, Julia Cook, Jill Kuzma, Dean Jacobs, and Michelle Pickel. Booksource is sponsoring Stephany Harvey and Ann Goudvis who are the authors of the *Strategies that Work*, 3rd edition, which will be the 2017-2018 book study.
- d. State Coordinator's Report- Nancy Wright reported that the Iowa Reading Transition Team participated in a webinar at 10:00 this morning before our Board meeting. Nancy has visited the Jefferson-Van Buren council and presented a session on Reading Interventions. She noted that Stephanie Laird presented a session via Skype at the Midlands of Iowa meeting in November. Nancy is participating in the state-wide book study *In Defense of Read-Aloud* with the Glenwood teachers. She is working on plans for Leadership Workshop on June 26, 2017.
- e. Membership Director Report- Diane Bean submitted a written report. She has visited a lot of councils so far this year. Eastern Iowa and READ are tied for largest council. We currently have 460 members.
- f. Treasurer's Report- Michelle Swanson is currently working with our auditor.
- g. Secretary/Publications/Correspondence Report- It was noted that everyone writing articles for the spring newsletter needs to submit those by Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017.
- h. Executive Director/ Book Study Report- Clark Goltz reported that approximately 79-80 members are participating in the book studies this year. Most are reading *In Defense of Read Aloud* by Steven Layne.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Policy Changes for Bylaws, Policies and Procedures- Nancy White reported that no updates are being made to our Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Handbook as we are waiting to see what parts will need to be rewritten because of the ILA transition process.

IX. New Business

- a. Nancy White shared a letter from the Iowa Council for the Social Studies stating that Iowa Reading won a free exhibit booth for the October 2, 2017 conference. Diane Bean and Nancy White will attend the conference as exhibitors for Iowa Reading. Nancy also shared that she, Diane Bean, and Becky Pashek will attend as exhibitors the Iowa Association of School Librarians Conference on April 4 in West Des Moines. Nancy and Diane will also be exhibitors at the Elementary Literacy Conference on April 7 at UNI in Cedar Falls.
- b. Struggling Councils: Discussion was held as to the status of some of our struggling councils and what help Iowa Reading can offer to them.
- c. Miscellaneous: There was no miscellaneous business.

X. Announcements

- a. Iowa Reading Association Executive Board Meeting Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Pizza Ranch, Ames
- b. Iowa Reading Association Board of Directors Retreat 3:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 25, 2017, Pizza Ranch, Ames
- c. Leadership Workshop, Monday, June 26, 2017, Gateway Center, Ames
- d. Iowa Reading Association Conference "Dive Into Reading", Tuesday-Wednesday, June 27-28, 2017, Scheman Center, Iowa State University
- e. International Literacy Conference- Orlando, FL., July 15-17, 2017

XI. Debra Wake moved and Wendy Matson seconded that the meeting adjourn at 12:50. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy White for

Deb Mortensen

Iowa Reading Association Secretary