

Iowa Reading Association
Exec Board Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom, May 10, 2020
Submitted by Julie Schuller

- I. The meeting of the Executive Board of Directors was called to order by Co-President Mary Daughetee at 10:25 am.
- II. Present were Michelle Swanson, Julie Neal, Kelsey Nilles, Diane Bean, Julie Schuller, Mary Daughetee, Kathleen Konrardy, Dani Woodman, Laurie Weekly, Nancy Wright, Kelsey Nilles
- III. The minutes from the April, 2020 meeting will be read and discussed at the June, 2020 meeting. Michelle and Diane will read.
- IV. There was one addition and no corrections to this meeting's agenda. Diane Bean moved and Kelsey Nilles seconded that this agenda be allowed. All were in favor.
- V. Diane Bean and Michelle Swanson volunteered to read the May 10, 2020 minutes. Secretary Pro-Tem Julie Schuller will send them electronically for their approval.

Old Business

- VI. Bylaws - Michelle Swanson made motion to take items to Delegate's Assembly, Diane Bean seconded. Motion carried
 - A. Julie Schuller discussed the changes and amendments to the Bylaws. These items have previously been voted on by the board and are being discussed to take to Delegate's Assembly in June, 2020.
 1. Revise language Joint Positions Article 4, Section 5, pg 9
 2. Reimbursements - Article 6, Section 2, pg. 21
 3. Add policy - Executive Meetings Article XI, Section 1 Policy #1, pg. 29
 - B. Items voted on at current meeting to take to Delegate's Assembly in June, 2020
 1. No change in dues
- VII. Leadership
 - A. Will be held via Zoom on June 22, 2020 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - B. Nancy Wright shared the agenda for the morning. She will invite council officers by sending a Zoom invite.

- C. Zoom allows breakout sessions and this will be used to discuss the different officer roles.
- D. Mary, Kathleen and Julie Neal will be “chat monitors”. If attendees pose a question through the chat box, the monitors will bring it to the group's attention.
- E. Practice Zoom on June 15, 2020 at 9:00 am
- F. The Leadership Zoom meeting will be recorded and sent to local officers that could not attend.
- G. Grow a Local Council Grant - Will the same guidelines apply for the Zoom meeting?

VIII. Book Study

- A. Julie Neal had very positive feedback from how the book study was organized this past year. People like the online format.
- B. The 2020-21 Book study will be “Teaching Writing” by Lucy Calkins. Lucy will be a keynote speaker at the 2021 conference. The book study will again be online.

New Business

IX. Nominations

- A. Tony Pieper has agreed to be nominated for the Vice-President position. This position will not have the responsibility to arrange the conference. Due to the 2020 conference being moved to 2022.
- B. Electronic voting ballots will go out to members in the next few days
- C. Tony does not want to hold two positions. He will give up the Central Director position. Julie Neal is checking with Rebecca Pashek to see if she wants to do it alone or if we need to find a replacement.
- D. The Southeast Zone has found a replacement for Renae Wilkening. They will conduct a zone election.

X. Treasurer report

- A. Michelle Swanson reported the balance of the checking account
- B. This balance included a Small Business Loan Grant of \$2,200. Julie Neal applied for this loan/grant to help cover the costs of her salary. A percentage of the loan/grant will have to be paid back.
- C. Julie Neal reported that the person Iowa Reading Association has lined up to conduct our annual audit is remarkably slow. Our audits are about two years behind. Julie reports that communication is difficult. She suggested finding a new person. The board agreed and left it in her hands.
- D. Conference refunds

1. Some vendors have requested refunds, some are carrying over their payments for the 2021 conference
2. Some attendees have requested refunds, some are carrying over their registration fees for the 2021 conference.
3. Kelsey reported that we are still waiting to hear back from the speaker whom we had to pay prior to the conference as to whether they will return the payment.
4. All other speakers have been extremely considerate in not charging cancellation fees.
5. We are waiting on the funds from Event Brite

XI. Website

- A. Julie Neal asked Renee Thomas to be our website master. She turned down Julie's offer. Discussion was held that this become a committee position. Discussion tabled until next year
- B. Discussion was held on getting a password protected section on our website for members only. Julie Neal will look into this.

XII. Scheman

- A. Kristen, our contact at the Scheman Building, is no longer working there. Our new contact is the Athletic Department.

XIII. Email Correspondence

- A. Kathleen received an email from the director of Iowa Dyslexia. The email was a concern about Lucy Calkins speaking at our conference. There is negative press about her reading curriculum. Discussion was held. Lucy will only be speaking about her writing curriculum. Some board members felt it is healthy to have different points of views about teaching.

XIV. Writing Contest

- A. Kari Straube is contacting teachers this next week and sending certificates. She has been meeting with individuals and discussing moving the writing submissions to online.

XV. Adjourn - Diane Bean moved and Michelle Swanson seconded that we adjourn at 11:35 am. All were in favor.

XVI. Future dates:

- A. June 15 - Leadership Zoom practice 9:00 am
- B. June 22 - Leadership, via Zoom 9:00 am - 12:00 pm