

**Literacy and Social Responsibility Special Interest Group  
International Reading Association Annual Convention  
Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas  
April 22, 2013**

***Business Meeting Notes & Actions***

Presiding: President Patricia Dean

Persons Present (in alphabetical order): Beth Breneman, Carolyn Cook, Patty Dean, Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell, Kathleen Fontaine, Sarah Harrison-Burns, Andrea Karlin, Rebekah Kelleher, Cheryl Nelson, Jenne Palmer, Erica Perl, Zanthia Smith, Denise Stuart, Joyce Wheaton, Kenny Varner

Patty Dean called the meeting to order. Congratulations and Thank Yous to Program Chairs and all Board Members contributing to success of 2013 Program.

The Directory & Leadership Responsibilities Documents were quickly reviewed.

**Reports:**

- 2014 Program. Andrea Karlin & Kenny Fasching-Varner, are continuing as Program Co-Chairs for 2014. Kenny will submit data to IRA this year.
- Presenters' handouts on Web-site. Program Chair needs to remind presenters they can post handouts and presentation summaries on the LSR Web-site.
- Awards Program—Flyer, Guidelines, Publicity. Denise Stuart reported that we need more submissions for the Literacy and Service award for students. There is a need for improved publicity and getting the word out. A one-page flyer was posted at the end of the 2012 issue of the e-journal and should continue.
- Instructional Strategies Strand for Web-site, Membership, & Treasury. Beth Breneman reported that she has submitted write-ups of five Best Literacy Practices + Pro-social Twists for the L-SR Web-site: KWL, Literature Circles, RAFT, Reading from Different

Perspectives, and Inquiry. Beth suggested that the L-SR SIG begin recruiting Past IRA Presidents as SIG members. We currently have \$2250.60 in the SIG Treasury.

- Transition to New Communications Chair. Rebekah Kelleher is the new Communications Chair. Rebekah will begin work on updating the e-List, which needs updating due to lots of new members.

## **Planning Ahead**

- The 2014 IRA Annual Convention is set to take place in New Orleans. The time slot for the L-SR SIG is unclear. Keynote speakers were suggested.
- Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell nominated Tynisha Meidl, Assistant Professor at St. Norbert's, De Pere, WI, as co-editor of the Literacy and Social Responsibility eJournal. A vote was called, and Tynisha was unanimously voted into this position.
- Denise Stuart requested a new awards chair person beginning the 2013-14 year
- Susanne Gervay from Sydney Australia has contributed a body of work on social justice issues. The book committee can read her work over the 2013-14 year and plan to honor her at our SIG in 2015.
- The idea of conducting a raffle with the books that are read by the book committee was suggested and discussed.
- A new by-law on the treasury is needed. A co-signee on the L-SR bank account needs to be established with current and future L-SR Treasurers to optimize flexibility for accessing resources--a common practice in many organizations.