SoMIRAC 2016– 2017

Assembly Meeting 6/04/2016

Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn Wyndham Affiliate, Hunt Valley, MD

Call to Order: Susan Frank: 8:20 AM End Time: 12:22 PM

Attending Committee Members:

President, Susan Frank; First Vice President, Deb Tobin; Second Vice President, Natalie Stephenson; President-Elect, Lisa Lowe; Immediate Past President, Gayle Glick; State Coordinator, Bonnie Schmeltz; Executive Secretary, Ellen Dysart; Director of Membership Development, Ann Apple; Literacy Coordinator, Mary Lou Nelson; Treasurer, Rita Gaudiello; Recording Secretary, Robin Glick Baum

Also in Attendance: Jack Cole, Former SoMIRAC President, 1983 - 1984

**?** Committee Members

 **?** Committee Chairs Including--LEM, Special Interest Group Member

 **5**Past State Presidents: *Jack Cole; Gayle Glick (Immediate Past President); Mary Lou Nelson (Everyone Reads Initiative); Bonnie Schmeltz, (State Coordinator); Leslie Sunderland, (21st Century Leaders)*

**?** Local Council Representatives: Anne Arundel County; Baltimore City; Baltimore County; Carroll County; Cecil County; Eastern Shore; Harford County; Howard County; Mid-Shore; Montgomery County; Southern Maryland; Upper Shore

 **?** Total Participants

**Attached Documents*:***

*➀ Treasurer’s Report Packet*

➁ *Exemplary Reading Program Award: Guidelines and Application Packet*

 Welcome/Breakfast & Networking with Colleagues

 Scholastic

⯏ The Scholastic warehouse in Odenton is eager to work with local council members. The company pays $10.00 an hour in book credits and books cost as little as $.50.

 Local Council Information

⯏ A SoMIRAC conference responsibility sheet was passed around. Local councils were reminded to get board member information to Shirley prior to the end of June. Future meeting dates: 9/10/2016; 12/3/2015; 1/28/2017 (snow date 2/4/2017); 6/03/2017

 Installation of Officers

 ⯏ Deb Tobin, President; Natalie Stephenson, President-Elect; Lisa Lowe, First Vice President, Shirley Faulkner, Second Vice President; Susan Frank, Immediate Past President; Rita Gaudiello, Treasurer; Ann Apple, Director of Membership Development; Bonnie Schmeltz, State Coordinator; Ellen Dysart, Executive Secretary; Mary Lou Nelson, Literacy Coordinator; Chelley Corpuz, Corresponding Secretary; Robin Glick Baum, Recording Secretary

 Speaker, Jack Cole, Former SoMIRAC President, 1983 - 1984

⯏ Jack is currently teaching ethics courses at Towson State University: jcole@towson.edu, 443-570-3200

⯏ Presentation: *Dragons*: Are Role Models and/or have something that you don’t.

 Promoting Literacy throughout Maryland: Deb Tobin

⯏ Deb presented issues important to SoMIRAC including: Energizing our local councils; Gaining/retaining members (particularly local council board members); Committing to the professional growth of our members; we do well…/our obstacles…/we commit to…

** Promoting Literacy throughout Maryland: Deb Tobin, CONTINUED**

⯏ Deb introduced the *padlet*: padlet:https:padlet.com/dmtobin/somiracleadership2016—Password: *I’maleader.* Attendees posted items related to local councils. The activity results will be posted on the SoMIRAC website.

 Dr. Nancy Grasmick’s (former MD State Superintendent and valued SoMIRAC friend) husband’s passing: Bonnie

 Local Council Events

⯏ Anne Arundel County—Little Free Library event

⯏ Eastern Shore—Fall Membership Dinner

⯏ Frederick County—Everyone Reads Book Collection and Distribution

 Today’s Sponsor: Waggle, Triumph Learning: Lori Puckett

⯏ Practice Program 2 - 8

REPORTS

 Honor Council: Bonnie Schmeltz

⯏ This November’s report will include everything accomplished this past year. Bonnie will meet me with all councils in September. Councils completing all requirements receive an award and $100 from the state.

⯏ Councils Receiving Honor Council Award at IRA This Summer: Anne Arundel; Baltimore County; Eastern Shore; Frederick; Harford; Mid-Shore; Upper Shore

 Bylaws: Gayle Glick, Former State President

⯏ The Committee is reviewing them and we hope to have them ratified by the conference.

 Treasurer’s Report: Rita Gaudiello

⯏New Email: somirac.treasurer@gmail.com

⯏Treasurer’s Notes; Certificate of Insurance; Tax Exempt Certificate (all on website)

⯏ All checks must be cashed before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016.

 Meeting Minutes: Robin Glick Baum

⯏The minutes from this meeting will be shared at our next meeting.

 Young Authors: Chelley Corpuz & Shirley Faulkner

⯏ Councils need to adhere to specific deadlines that will be enforced. Specific contact information is needed.

 Exemplary Reading Program Award: Chris Sparr

⯏ Packet distributed regarding committee procedures, *Exemplary Reading Program Award: Guidelines and Application.* Specific contact information is needed. Committee members for school visits are needed.

 Everyone Reads:Mary Lou Nelson

⯏ Mary Lou has books for all local councils and shared that SoMIRAC promotes choice. She also distributed bookmarks and shared they are on our website. We are thankful to Kathy Lauritzen who donated 13 cases of books. This is a reminder to all that there are books out there for use in classroom libraries, particularly for new teachers.

 LEM: Judy Hunter for Carolyn Cook

\*\*\* Carolyn has served six terms and is looking for a new chairperson.

⯏ Spring meeting was held during the SoMIRAC conference. Students from eight different state institutions attend the *Friday at the Conference.* The SoMIRAC Journal will be out this fall, posted on our SoMIRAC website. One manuscript has been submitted. The fall meeting will be hosted by Stevenson University.

    Scholarships and Member Grants: Bonnie

⯏ Don Bailey is the new Scholarship Chair.

⯏ 3-$2,000.00 high school scholarships were awarded (340 applicants):

~ Tiffany Lynette Hare, Mountain Ridge High School, Frostburg, MD: University of South Alabama, Secondary Social Studies

~ Rabia Phanni, Westlake High School, Waldorf, MD: University of MD College Park, Secondary Education, English

~ Felicia Grace Clements. Middletown High School, Middletown, MD: College Unknown, Physical Therapy

⯏ Bonnie will receive SoMIRAC member scholarships by late July.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

 SoMIRAC Conference Report, 2018: Lisa Lowe

⯏ Lisa shared she appreciated those who have contacted her regarding ideas for her conference. Brain research, in particular as to how it relates to students living in poverty.

 SoMIRAC Conference Report, 2019: Shirley Faulkner

⯏ Her theme will deal with, *literacy feeds the mind and soul--ourselves*.

 SoMIRAC Conference Report, March 29 – 31, 2017, *Charging Up with Literacy*: Natalie Stephenson

⯏ Natalie is still looking for speakers and concurrent session speakers. Contact: nataliestephenson@somiracconfrence2017@gmail.com

RECOGNITION

 Lisa Lowe presented Deb with her conference program cover signed by all speakers.

DOOR PRIZES

LUNCH/ROLE-ALIKES

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Glick Baum