

American Reading Forum
Business Meeting
Friday, December 10, 2010
4:30 -5:45 pm
Sundial 1
Sundial Beach and Tennis Resort
Sanibel Island, Florida

1. Call to Order – Cassaundra El-Amin
Meeting was called to order at 4:40 by Chair Cassaundra El-Amin.
2. Minutes of Business Meeting 2009 – Cassaundra El-Amin
Minutes of the 2009 Business Meeting were distributed. Cindy Hendricks made a motion to accept minutes. Michael French seconded. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer’s Report/Budget – Lynn Yribarren
A detailed report was submitted to the membership. Some difficulties were noted in transferring the balance from the former treasurer. Progress is being made and all should be completed soon.
4. Membership/Registration – Jennifer Fong
A total of 79 registered for the conference. M. French suggested people who don’t attend must pay fees for conference. A discussion followed. No action taken.
5. Nominations/Elections – Cassaundra El-Amin
Lynn Yribarren and Helen Robbins were both elected to the Board of Directors.
6. Conference Committee 2010 – Michael French
M. French reported on the 2010 conference and read a note from Thursday’s opening presenter, Elfreida Hiebert.
7. Graduate Student Mentoring Scholarships – Michael French
Scholarship winners and nominators include:
Kylie Baier nominated by Cindy Hendricks (BGSU)
Edward Burke nominated by Joyce Fine (FIU)
Adam Cooper nominated by Chet Laine (UC)
Christen Grime nominated by Michael French and Jennifer Fong (Lourdes)
8. Call to Forum – Chet Laine
This year’s book was *The Book Whisperer*. There was a good turnout for the session. The committee is accepting suggestions for next year’s book.
9. Site Selection – Cindy Hendricks
The committee successfully negotiated with the Sundial for a three-year contract. We will need to furnish projectors (projectors were volunteered by Enrique Puig/per Michael French).
10. Website – Lynn Yribarren/Joyce Fine
The website was transitioned from Appalachian State University to Florida International University. There are still some things to be adjusted. Additional information from the archives will be added to website. Contact Lynn or Joyce for suggestions/recommendations for the website.

11. Conference Program 2011
There was some confusion over who was to be doing the conference for 2011. Notes from last year's business meeting noted that there was no one to do the 2011 conference. Hendricks, Soboleski, Hendricks, Warren-Gordon, and Cochran agreed to do 2011, instead of 2012.
12. Conference Program 2012
At present, no one has submitted a proposal for 2012.
13. Old Business – Cassaundra El-Amin
Cassaundra discussed the need for a review of the officer manuals that were done years ago. Certain expectations for Chair, Vice-Chair, Program Coordinators, and other officers need to be put in writing so everyone is informed as to what should be done when. This will be discussed at the meeting to be held in Orlando at IRA.
14. New Business
Cassaundra made a motion and Gary Moorman seconded to approve Nance Wilson for chair for 2011. Cassaundra made a motion and Michael French seconded to approve Lessie Cochran as Vice-Chair.
15. Announcements
Joyce Fine was the winner of the Brenda S. Townsend Service Award
Raffle winner for the poster was Kathy Grant
Nance Wilson thanked Cassaundra for her service for the year.
There will be a Board meeting at IRA in April. There will also be a "retreat" for the officers and board and "old-timers" to help transition in the new leaders of ARF. Past and current leaders are welcome to attend. More to be announced later...closer to April meeting in Orlando.
16. Adjournment
Moved by Cindy Hendricks and seconded by Penny Soboleski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Hendricks