



MARC IC Meeting, August 4, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM CDST.

President Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending. She explained that the meeting would only last one hour so she will be keeping everyone on schedule. Doesn't like to take people's time by going over schedule.

Denise Hagerty, Chaplain, gave the opening thought.

Amid this time of COVID 19, we all have experienced some trying and maybe even difficult times.

No, In Person meetings, only virtual hugs, but the friendship we all share through ESA has kept us together supporting one another.

Linda's Theme is "Taking Chances", so our thought for the day is:

Time Passes so quickly, you literally do not even notice it until it begins to show.

So, don't wait to use the good china, go on a trip, eat the cake, watch the late movie, read your favorite book, and take a Chance in Life.... The time is now.

Tomorrow is promised to no one.

Adapt this to reaching out to your sisters and family.

Denise asked for the new state presidents and new state chaplains' emails. She wants to be sure she is sending chaplain report to the right people and that she passes the correct information to the new MARC chaplain in October. Denise's email address is dhagerty@aol.com.

Recording secretary, Kim Poling, gave the roll call as she received it by email from state presidents (attached).

Treasurer, Bonnie Templeton, presented the treasurer's report and the proposed budget (attached). Claudia Hatton, Missouri, asked why the conference profit is only \$395.00. Bonnie explained that Ohio paid the speakers out of their profit instead of taking the \$1500.00 allotted in the MARC budget. Claudia said that we need some bigger fundraisers or stop paying MARC Rep travel expenses to go to state conventions.

President Linda stated that at the last conference it was voted that the mileage rate be raised to the IRS business rate of \$0.58 per mile instead of the charity rate of \$0.14 per mile. Claudia suggested that maybe we should go back to the charity rate.

President Linda said that everyone should go back to their membership and discuss the issue and come to the October conference with some suggestions to alleviate our budget issues. Linda told members that the past budgets did not show the true picture of what our financial situation really is.

Brenda Fields revealed her logo for her year as MARC President. Brenda still needs people for her committees so please consider serving on the board. Brenda's email address is bfields.esa@gmail.com.

President Linda expressed her gratitude to Mary Houghland-Abplanalp and Peggy Zimmer for the excellent job they did planning for a convention that, unfortunately, will not happen in Indiana this year. She also gave props to Peggy for her work with the hotel in getting all of our deposits back.

Co-communicators Birdie Elkofska and Sandy Hongerholt were next on the agenda. Sandy told everyone that the next issue of the ReMARCS will come out in early September. Sandy asked that the new state presidents send her an updated listing of their MARC Reps so that she can send them the ReMARCS notifications. She gave the ReMARCS email address: remarcsesa@gmail.com.

Debbie Vercellono gave a rundown of 2020-2021 Officer candidates:

President: Brenda Fields
VP/President elect: Kim Poling
Secretary: Bonnie Templeton
Treasurer: Jill Shull
Parliamentarian: Jill Richards
Co-communicators: Birdie Elkofska and Sandy Hongerholt

Credentials for the officer candidates will appear in the next ReMARCS.

Ways and Means Report was presented by Jill Richards and Jill Shull. Jill S. showed the flyer for the fundraiser for the 2020 MARC conference. It is the Mysterious and Remarkable Container (flyer attached). The container will hold wonderful mystery gifts donated by the MARC Board. The container will be valued at a minimum of \$100.00. For every \$10.00 donation made the donor will receive an entry into the drawing, to be drawn during the October 10, 2020 conference. The flyer will be published in the next ReMARCS and sent to state presidents and MARC Reps. Checks should be made payable to MARC. The board is going to work on making electronic donations available. The box will be shipped to the winner. The suggestion was made that we ask the winner to pay for shipping. Jill R. reminded everyone that since there will be no travel expenses for MARC conference this year, and no one will be losing in the casino, everyone should have extra money in their budget to be extra generous.

Rose Wagner was next with the by-laws/standing rules changes (attached). Rose suggested that the proposed changes be emailed to the state presidents, for forwarding to each chapter, so that we didn't take up a lot of time reading them. Request that each chapter review and send their comments to Rose at rose.wagner42@yahoo.com. Linda will get the state presidents' list to Rose and the changes will also be in the next ReMARCS.

Brittany Hillard, Foundation Counselor, asked if we will still be doing a fundraiser for Foundation. President Linda said, yes, definitely. Brittany would like donations of gift cards to do a gift card bouquet to raffle. Needs the gift cards by mid-September, please. LeAnn Wray, Michigan, reminded everyone

that the gift cards need to be redeemable every where and not just in your area. Brittany will write something up for the ReMARCS.

Amanda Rowland, Hope for Heroes, will prepare another article for the ReMARCS highlighting the Heroes project for this conference. Volunteers of America's Supportive Services for Veteran's Families is asking for gift card donations to support their efforts. Amanda will provide all the details in her article.

Audit Chair, Diane Vanusek, asked how the auditing of the books will be handled this year. Bonnie Templeton, treasurer, will scan everything and provide it to Diane. Diane can then share it with her committee and get the job done.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Poling
2019-2020 MARC Recording Secretary

State	# Members in State	# Members in Attendance	State President Attending	Alternate State President Attending	MARC Reps Attending
Illinois	568	7	1	0	2
Indiana	181	5	1	0	0
Kansas	402	45	1	0	2
Michigan	55	8	1	0	2
Minnesota	99	10	1	0	1
Missouri	176	8	0	1	2
Nebraska	62	4	1	0	2
Ohio	85	8	1	0	1
Oklahoma		2	0	0	2
South Dakota					
Wisconsin	27	3	1	0	1



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Treasurer's Report Aug 2020

Balance as of July 12, 2020:		\$15,107.67
Income		
Reimbursement from Convention Advance		\$500.00
Total Income:	\$0.00	\$500.00
Expenses		
Expenses To Date:	\$0.00	
Balance as of Aug 4, 2020:		\$15,607.67



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Treasurer's Report July 2020

Beginning Balance as of May 31, 2020:		\$14,249.75
Income		
Reimbursement from IC Registration for Linda Schmidt		\$290.00
Reimbursement from Linda Schmidt for IC Airfare		\$211.96
Reimbursement from Brenda Fields for OK State Visit		\$355.96
Total Income:	\$0.00	\$857.92
Expenses		
Expenses To Date:	\$0.00	
Balance as of July 12, 2020:		\$15,107.67

as of 4 Aug 20 2020					
	Ending Balance	Initial			
MARC PROPOSED	17411.54	Proposed	ADJUSTED		
2020-2021 BUDGET	as of 11/22/19	Budget			Proposed
	Actual	as of 11/22/19	Budget	as of	Budget
	2018-19	2019-20	2019-2020	4 Aug 20	2020-2021
Ways and Means Fundraiser	1,114.00	1000.00	2000.00		2000.00
Conference Profit	395.71	1600.00	0.00		1600.00
Plug from MARC Treasury	5,759.43	0.00	0.00		0.00
RePayment of Conference Loan	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous**	50.00	100.00	100.00		100.00
SD 2018 MARC Project	2,326.62				
TOTAL INCOME	10,145.76	3200.00	2,600.00		4,200.00
EXPENSES					
MARC Spg Brd Meeting Lunch	176.05	275.00	177.96	177.96	200.00
IC Dues(pd in Sept for the next year)	45.00	45.00	45.00		45.00
President's Expenses					
IC Con Reg/Travel/Hotel	1,191.56	1200.00	0.00		1200.00
MARC St Visit Reg/T&H	-	500.00	0.00		500.00
MARC Conf Reg/Travel	125.00	400.00	0.00		400.00
President Elect Expenses					
IC Leadership Reg/Travel	860.96	1,000.00	625.00	625.00	1000.00
Other expenses					
Ways and Means Chair expenses	35.00	35.00	35.00		35.00
Chaplain Expenses	56.22	75.00	75.00		75.00
President's Gavel Guard	20.00	20.00	20.00		20.00
Communicator Expenses/Postage					
MARC REPS-State Conv.Mileage	1,851.78	3817.48	873.56	536.41	3900.00
MARC REPS-State Conv.Other***	346.50	300.00	300.00		300.00
MARC Conf - Speakers Exp. ****	-	1500.00	0.00		1500.00
IC Ad	-	100.00	0.00		100.00
Website Expenses	19.95	135.00	20.00		20.00
IC Audio Expenses	125.64	150.00	0.00		150.00
Bond (Due April 2021)			0.00		536.00
Miscellaneous		100.00	100.00	17.99	100.00
Conference Loan	1,000.00	500.00	0.00		500.00
New MARC Flags for IC	368.10	0.00			
Early Registration refunds	2,725.00	0.00			
ESA Foundation Fun Fest	1,200.00	0.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,146.76	10152.48	2271.52	1357.36	10581.00
		must be paid	1621.56		8121.00

** received \$550.00 from conf loan repayment

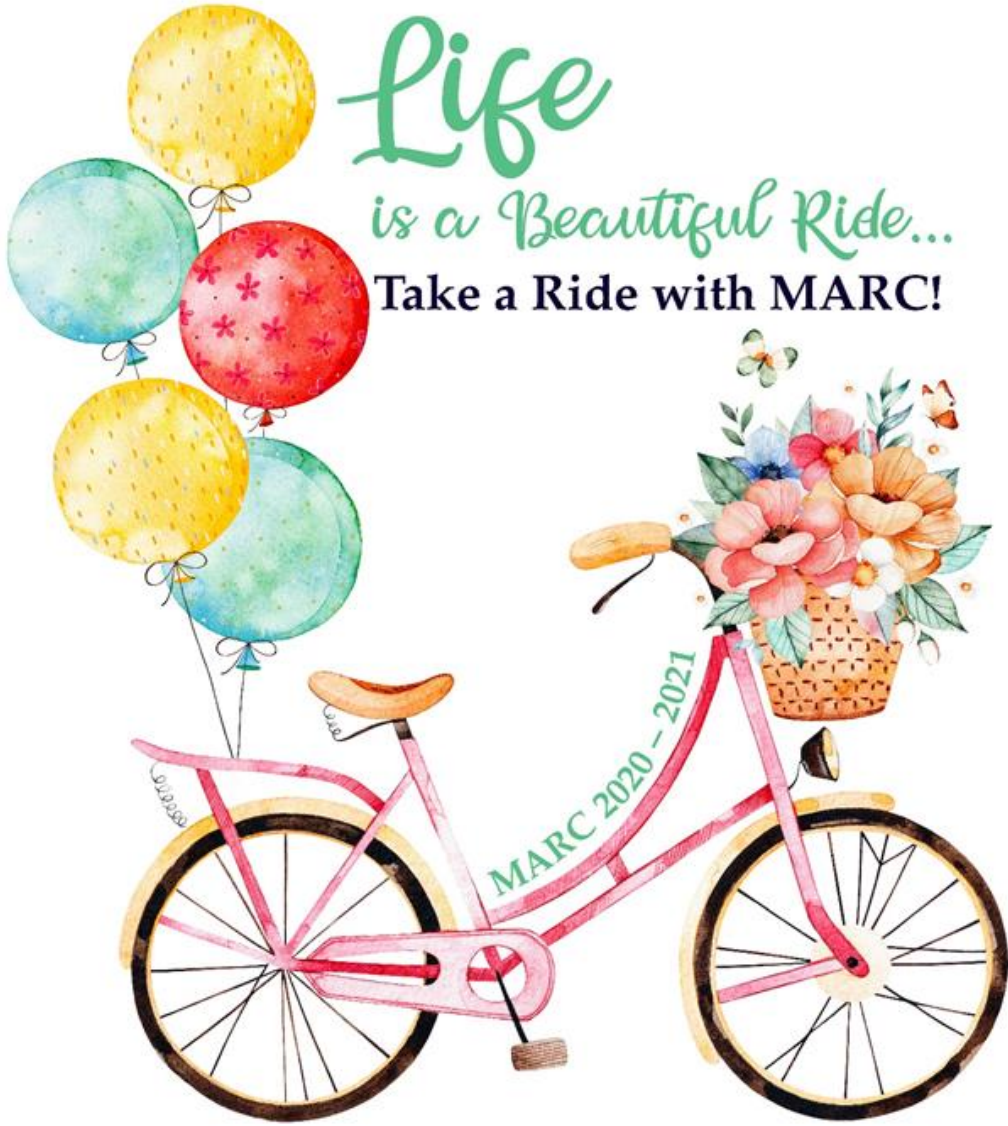
*** two different people that had to pay their own registration when they were the reps., and hotel expenses

**** Ohio paid for the speakers expense before they turned over the profits

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is a Beautiful Ride...

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Due to CoVid-19, the Midwest Area Regional Council Conference is going virtual so we had to think outside the box for Ways and Means.

With every \$10.00 donation, you receive one entry chance to win the MARC Mystery Box, loaded with goodies from the MARC Executive Board.

Thank you for supporting the Midwest Area Regional Council during these extraordinary times.

Send your donation payable to MARC with your email address to:
JILL SHULL
1611 WESTGATE LANE
MATTOON, IL 61938



*Must be postmarked by October 3, 2020

DRAWING TO BE HELD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020