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The Flint Hills Council Officers met in Osage City on June 26th and were together again at the KRA Summer Leadership on July 10th & 11th. They have worked hard getting organized and planning quality professional development opportunities for you this year. Please make note of the dates for our two fall meetings, September 17th and October 15th. Also, make sure you have November 9-11, 2007, marked on your calendar. This is the date of the IRA Plains Regional Conference being held in Overland Park.

Leadership

Opportunity

The office of vice president is open and needs to be filled. If you would be interested please contact Frank Towle. This vacancy and a nominating committee will be discussed at the September meeting.

State Dues Increases

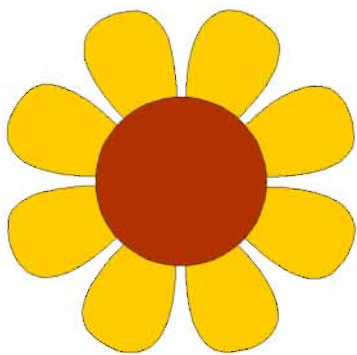
A difficult decision was made at the Delegates' Assembly in April to raise state dues. Dues is now \$30.00. Ten dollars remains with the local Council and \$20.00 goes to the state. Remember that the Flint Hills Council will pay the state dues for students and first year teachers.

Bill Martin, Jr. Picture Book Award

A set of the 2007-2008 Bill Martin, Jr. Picture book Award nominees has been purchased by the Council. The books will be presented at the October meeting and will be given away as door prizes and gifts throughout the year.

The Mission of the Kansas Reading Association and the Flint Hills KRA Council is to promote learning through quality literacy experiences for all.

Copies of the 2006 Bill Martin, Jr. Picture Book Award Winner, *S is for Sunflower*, have been purchased for the local libraries in our Flint Hills Council area. We will be distributing them as soon as they arrive.. This is one of our Community Service Projects.



Mary Collins,, a past president of the Kansas Reading Association and a member of the Flint Hills KRA Council, is the committee chairperson for the Outstanding Kansas Reading Educator. It is a goal of our Council to nominate someone this year. We all work with outstanding reading educators. Please be thinking about this nomination.

The Flint Hills Council will be helping with table decorations for the Carmen Agra Deedy luncheon and the Taste of Kansas Banquet at the IRA Plains Regional Conference. The decorations will not be elaborate but your help will be needed. We will be talking about this at the September meeting.

Did you know that the Flint Hills KRA Council pays the basic IRA membership for its officer? This basic membership costs \$36.00. Checks will be give to each officers at the September meeting.

Join on line!! You can join or renew you KRA membership by going to the KRA web site. Please bookmark these sites. KRA's is www.kansasread.org The Flint Hills site is www.kansasread.org/Councils/Flint_Hills.htm

Our first meeting will be on September 17, at the Osage City Elementary School. We'll eat, have our meeting ,and then go to the computer lab where Frank Towle will be showing us web sites that can be used in our classrooms. All meeting notices will be sent electronically a couple weeks prior to the meeting. Please reply so that reservations can be made for you.

Bring a friend and join us on October 15th at the Hays House in Council Grove. Joyce Heilman, who serves on the Bill Martin Jr. Picture Book Award Committee, will be presenting this year's nominations. Again meeting notices will be sent to you electronically and you will need to reply so that reservations can be made .

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