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ANNUAL TOTS TO TEENS BOOK DRIVE

The annual Tots to Teens Book Drive has begun. All new or gently used children's and teen's books are welcome, especially board books, tween books, and popular series like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Drop boxes have been placed at Marquette County libraries in Endeavor, Montello, Neshkoro, Oxford, Packwaukee and Westfield. You can also find boxes at Forest Lane Elementary, Montello High School and St. John's Lutheran School in Montello, as well as Westfield Elementary School. Please bring your donations to these boxes by Friday, December 6th.

Books will be given away to local families through the Marquette County Human Services during their annual Christmas gift distribution in Montello on December 14th.

If you have books for this drive, but can't find a local drop box, please contact Mary Faltz at 608-297-2424 (days) or email: maryfaltz@frontier.com to arrange pickup of your books.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS DONATES TO R.E.A.D. PROGRAM



Vicki Huffman (at left), representing Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County, presented a donation of \$200 to Karen Robotka, pictured with her dog Daria, for the Reading Assistance Education Dog (R.E.A.D.) program that she coordinates at Ethel Everhard Memorial Library in Westfield. The program gives elementary students an opportunity to read to specially trained dogs, giving the children a chance to sharpen their reading skills in a relaxing setting.

Tribune article with submitted photo.

This newsletter is a publication of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County (LV-MC), a non-profit organization that provides free and confidential tutoring to adults and families who want to improve their reading, writing, math, and other skills. Volunteer tutors provide individualized instruction.

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2013 GED/HSED AND ADULT LITERACY CONFERENCE

by Vicki Huffman

“Achieving Credentials for Success” was the theme of the October 2013 GED/HSED and Adult Literacy Convention in Appleton attended by Vicki Huffman and Barbara Church. The focus of the conference was the upcoming change in the GED format from paper and pen to completely computer-based. As of January 2013 the test will consist of four parts rather than five, and will require more integrated thought processes than the previous tests, which centered on reading comprehension. Many sessions delved into the kinds of questions that will be asked and the computer skills required to successfully pass the test.

Additional sessions were attended on fund raising and using technology in tutoring. The annual meeting of WI Literacy, Inc., which is the state organization for all literacy providers was held and was a good opportunity to network with other organizations similar to LV-MC. Wisconsin Literacy provided coupons for Vicki and Barbara to cover the registration cost of the event.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER HELD MAY 29TH

LV-MC held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner May 29, 2013 at the Senior Dome in Montello. There were 28 tutors, volunteers, 2 students, and collaborators in attendance. The event was catered by Lynn Bult of Peppercorn Catering located in Green Lake, who served a delicious dinner. Door prizes were planted herbs and succulents, which also served as centerpieces.

We were entertained as always by our President Vicki Huffman who presented certificates to all the volunteers, tutors and students.



KID STUFF

LV-MC partnered with the Marquette County Head Start, Oxford Fire Dept., Marquette County Health Dept., Marquette County Human Services, as well as the county's Sheriff's Dept., EMS, WIC and Birth to 3 at the annual Head Start Open House August 8. LV-MC had a display and provided literature about our services as well as handing out balloons to the children. Pat Johnson, LuAnn Zieman and Vicki Huffman were the literacy members who volunteered.

LV-MC WAS CHOSEN NORTHSIDE AUTOMOTIVE'S SEPTEMBER CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Northside Automotive chose LV-MC as its Charity of the Month for September 2013. Northside's \$335 donation represents \$1 per invoice posted in the month of September. It is greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER



GET CAUGHT READING CAMPAIGN: INTERNATIONAL LITERACY MONTH

During the month of September, which is designated International Literacy Month, LV-MC was out and about taking pictures of people caught reading in Marquette County. The pictures were published in the *Tribune* with permission of those photographed. The names were entered in a drawing for a prize at the end of the month. \$10 cash was mailed to each of those chosen from among the participants.



James, a 1st grader in Mrs. Fenske's class at Westfield Elementary, was "caught!"



Bob Dawidziak "caught" reading in his vegetable stand. More pictures can be viewed on our website-- mcreads.org!

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS – MARQUETTE COUNTY

Annual Meeting September 12, 2013 Montello Public Library

Present: Vicki Huffman, Mary Faltz, Rita Socha, Linda Armbruster, Pat Johnson, Anne Oelke, Barbara Church, Bette Whitrock, Chuck Bornhoeft, LuAnn Ziemann, Jess Bruckner, Lee Ann Casper

Vicki Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September 20, 2012 Annual Meeting were reviewed and stand approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki handed out an income/expense comparison by category for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 fiscal years. Cash balance as of 6/30/2013 is \$4,694.56. CD balance is \$3,134.

The board is hoping to send many to the state convention in Appleton this fall where there will be lots of GED information. We now have to purchase more copies of *Barnyard Dance* and *Read for Joy* books that are given to first-time moms, as our supply is down. That is a \$2,000 approx. expense.

Public Relations:

1. Newsletters: 319 were mailed in December 2012. In May 2013 we mailed 5 copies, emailed 16, and sent 6-10 copies by van to each of the 6 county libraries.
2. Ads and Articles: There have been 12 ads and/or articles and photos published in the *Marquette County Tribune*. Topics covered included Tots to Teens Book Drive, February Hors d'oeuvre fund raiser, Kid Stuff and International Literacy Day Writing Contest. Last year's winning essays were printed in the Tribune. This year, we've published pictures and articles on a new event – Get Caught Reading.
3. Website: We have had updated newsletter entries posted by Anne Oelke.
4. International Literacy Day/Month 2013: Get Caught Reading is ongoing until the end of September. Chuck Bornhoeft, Vicki Huffman, Lee Ann Casper, Linda Armbruster and LeAnn Ziemann have taken pictures thus far. We've covered Montello, Westfield, Neshkoro and Packwaukee and hope to cover more communities.
5. Trifold display with LV-MC information was used at the Marquette County Fair in July and at Kid Stuff on August 8th, as well as the Montello Kindergarten registration.

Tutor Training: 1 tutor training has been completed using the Independent Tutor Training, based on Tutor 8 as a text. Chuck Bornhoeft took the training June 17, June 26 and July 16.

Materials Report: No new materials since last summer. LuAnn made a list of the major items in the tutoring room at Montello Library, plus contact names. She showed her Batman poster for Get Caught Reading.

Audit Report: Emily Roidt Stevenson at 1st National Bank submitted her audit review, finding everything in order.

Board Development & Nominating Committee: Joan Richardson, Chuck Bornhoeft and Linda Armbruster all agreed to join our Board of Directors for 3-year terms ending in 2016. Lee Ann Casper will serve a 1-year term, as she is planning on moving to Door County. Continuing Board members include: Barbara Church, and Judy Schelble, terms expiring 2015. Bette Schneider hasn't been attending board meetings and has been removed from the list of Board of Directors. A complete list of Standing Committees was presented by Vicki.

Program Committee:

1. **Fiscal Year Tutoring & Volunteering Report** – 20 Volunteers, including 5 active tutors, reported a total of 791.43 hours. This includes 70.5 direct tutoring hours from 7/1/12 – 6/30/13; plus 720.93 other volunteer hours, including time for travel and lesson preparation. Volunteers assisted again at both Forest Lane (4) and St. John's Lutheran (1).

At this time, we have 1 student enrolled in the Basic Literacy program and 1 in the GED program, coordinating with the Job Training Center in Montello. Two students graduated from the GED program, one in December and one in early July of this fiscal year. Requests are in for possibly 3 more tutor/student commitments so far this year.

Our long-time friend at the Job Training Center, Sheril Lannoye, retired at the end of June 2013. We will miss her. In addition, we lost a tutor due to her move to Ecuador to begin a new mission there.

2. Library Story Time at Montello Public Library continues to do well in its Friday morning slot, and will begin its new season with Judy Schelble on Sept. 13. During the past winter, home school moms offered to take over Story Time so that Miss Judy would not have to travel in inclement weather. Also, 3 moms continued Story Time into mid-July.

3. WIC – We continue to refresh the books at both Montello and Westfield book carts.

4. WI Bookworm – HCE has again committed to providing 50 book sets for the upcoming year. Vicki and Pat will prepare activities for each month, with the help of many other volunteers.

5. Kid Stuff – At last 4 LV-MC volunteers again read to children at the Head Start Open House held in August, as well as providing literature and talking with parents. Partners were LV-MC, Marquette Co. Head Start located adjacent to Oxford Elementary School, Oxford Fire Dept., and Marquette Co. departments of Health, Human Services, Sheriff, EMS, WIC and Birth to 3.

6. Child Developments Day, Montello – This event was not held this past spring, as the district used a different approach.

7. Tots to Teens Book Drive – Once again, more than 2,000 books were collected and labeled for this year's annual Tots to Teens Book Drive. 632 were collected by Thrivent volunteers. 1,600 books were given away with 8 volunteers helping parents with their selections. 300 more books were donated to our WIC carts in Montello and Westfield. Joan Richardson is interested in being a co-chair for this year's event.

Resource Committee

Our major fundraiser, the Hors d'oeuvre Buffet held at Mekan River Outfitters on the first Thursday of February, netted \$2,705 versus \$2,375 for 2012. Attendance was only 70 due to a snowstorm, with 106 tickets sold versus 109 for the previous year. Additional donations during the year included \$100 from WI Literacy grants, \$300 from service clubs, \$251 from a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans event, and \$360 from individuals. We list our donors annually in the spring newsletter.

Northside Automotive has designated LV-MC as its Charity of the Month for September 2013, and will make a donation of \$1 for each invoice they have this month.

Pat would like to continue giving books to doctor and dentist offices in the county. Vicki will work with her.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers & Board of Directors

President & Treasurer: Vicki Huffman

Vice-President: LuAnn Zieman

Secretary: Mary Faltz

Lee Ann Casper, Board member, term expiring 2014

Linda Armbruster, Board member, term expiring 2016

Chuck Bornhoeft, Board member, term expiring 2016

Joan Richardson, Board member, term expiring 2016

Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Barb, to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

Budget Approval 2013-14

Income

Contributions	1000
Membership Dues	350
Mecan Fundraiser	1500
Mecan Silent Auction	1200
<u>Grants</u>	<u>150</u>

Total Income **\$4,200**

Expenses

Books & Teaching Materials	
Publicity & Promotion	120
Postage, Printing & Supplies	200
Memberships, state fees	180
Contracted Services,	
Software Support	500
Insurance	220
Other Program Support	400
Tutor Training, Conferences	
<u>Travel</u>	<u>500</u>

Total Expenses **\$6,000**

NET **(\$1,800)**

Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Barb to accept the budget. Motion carried.

Vicki requested reimbursement for activity pack supplies and paper of \$188.08. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Bette to approve. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting is Thursday, November 7th, 9:00 a.m. at Café Hilltop. (Location was changed to Rendezvous Paddle & Sports due to Hilltop closing on Thursdays.)

Other Business

Linda volunteered to review policies and bylaws that were scanned by Mary to see if she has a complete list and to suggest any needed revisions. Vicki read our mission statement from 2008, which will be updated in the bylaws.

Lee Ann reported on Karen Robotka's R.E.A.D. dog program in which therapy dogs work with Westfield area children to encourage them to read aloud. Expenses are mainly for first-time books. It has been funded since 2008 by the Jean Thalacker Memorial and a donation, but now needs funds. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Barb to donate \$200. Motion carried.

Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Bette, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Mary Faltz, Secretary

WISCONSIN BOOKWORM



Vicki Huffman, Pat Johnson, Joan Richardson and Linda Armbruster have completed activity packs for 50 children for the months of October through December in cooperation with HCE, which provides 50 book sets for Head Start.

LV-MC'S LIBRARY STORY TIME

LV-MC volunteer and board member, Judy Schelble, has held three story time sessions in both September and October and will be continuing in November.



ONE GED STUDENT COMPLETED HIS GED IN EARLY JULY!

BECOME A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS- MARQUETTE COUNTY MEMBER!

We invite you to become a member and supporter of literacy in Marquette County. One person can make a difference in influencing positive changes. We've accomplished a great deal, but there is so much more to be done. Your services as a volunteer or a financial supporter are critical to our success!

Fill out the form below, including a check for \$15 written out to **Literacy Volunteers- Marquette County** (if you wish to be a member), and mail to **Treasurer-LV-MC, P.O. Box 671, Montello, WI 53949.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP CODE _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

- I wish to be an active volunteer/member and have enclosed the \$15 fee.
- I wish to be an active volunteer, but not a dues-paying member.
- I would like more information on becoming a volunteer.
- I do not wish to be a member, but would like to contribute to literacy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tots to Teens Book Drive

deadline for collecting books
December 6th!

**Volunteers to help sort books
be at St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church 9 a.m., Thurs.
Dec. 12th!**

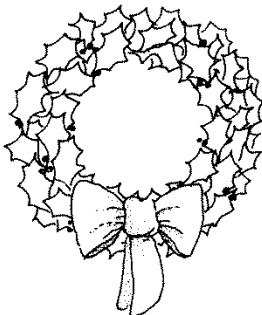
**14th Annual Hors d-oeuvre
Buffet** at Mekan River
Outfitters—February 6th 5-8 p.m.
More information upcoming in
the *Tribune*.

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LV-MC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County, Inc. is to improve the quality of life by promoting increased literacy and lifelong learning in Marquette County, Wisconsin. We encourage and aid individuals through public awareness and through volunteer teaching of literacy skills as well as English for non-native speakers.

***Check us out at
www.mcreads.org!***

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