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LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County Begins Tot to Teens Book Drive

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County announces the annual Tots to Teens Book Drive, which begins now and ends the first week of December. The book giveaway will be held in conjunction with the Giving Tree on Saturday morning, December 8, at Trinity Methodist Church in Montello.

All children's books, new or gently used, are welcome, especially board books. Tween books are also popular, as well as series like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Drop boxes can be found at the Marquette County libraries in Endeavor, Montello, Neshkoro, Oxford, Packwaukee and Westfield. In addition, St. John's School in Montello, Neshkoro Community Center, along with Readers Realm Book Store and Nelson & Pade Aquaponics, both in Montello, are providing boxes as well.

Please bring your donations to any of these boxes by Monday, December 3rd, so they can be transported for sorting before the event. You can also call Vicki Huffman at 608-297-8900 if there is not a box near you.



LV-Marquette County Officers and Board Members

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Mecan Fundraiser Hors d'oeuvre Buffet Set for February 7, 2019

Tickets priced at \$30 per person will be available mid-December at county libraries and from LV-MC members. The event is held annually the first Thursday in February at the Mecan River Lodge east of Montello on Hwy 23. Once again, a Silent Auction will be held in conjunction with the buffet. This is the only fundraiser LV-MC sponsors throughout the year. We appreciate all those who attend!

LV-MC's Annual Volunteers and Friends Appreciation Dinner

Literacy volunteers-Marquette County held its annual Volunteers and Friends Appreciation Dinner on May 24 at the Senior Dome in Montello. This was a special dinner because LV-MC chose to honor businesses and individuals who have contributed significant support to our county's literacy efforts. Each of these members of the Significant Donor Status were recipients of a free dinner, which was catered by Peppercorn Catering, as well as a plaque. We are blessed to have these wonderful people in our community who understand the importance of literacy and are willing to help!



Eileen and Mark Napralla of Napralla Tires



Karl Whitrock (formerly Johnson's Boats & Motors)



Lisa and Sean Smith of Northside Auto



Maria and Augie Pflum Metal Arts

Not pictured, but also among those honored for their contributions:

Melinda Johnson-Roidt,
Pat Johnson,
and Rebecca Nelson of Nelson and Pade Aquaponics.

Thanks to all!



Hazel Chmielewski of the Montello Women's Club

**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS-MARQUETTE COUNTY
ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

Call to order by Vicki Huffman-President, at 7:08 p.m. and read the mission statement.

Attendance- Vicki Huffman, Sharon Samuelson, Trudy Knutson, Mary Faltz, LuAnn Zieman, Barbara Church, Kathleen McGwin, Chuck Bornhoeft

Minutes of September 7, 2017 annual meeting were read. Motion by Chuck, seconded by Barbara to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance: \$4,821.33; CD Balance: \$3,134.00. The Income/Expense Report included totals from 2017-18 and 2018-19 YTD.

Chuck reported that Fortifi Bank is offering 2.6% on 17-month CDs. We can meet the \$5,000 minimum by adding \$1,900 to ours. Motion by Barbara, seconded by LuAnn to move the necessary amount to take this offer. Motion carried.

Public Relations:

1. Newsletters – November 2017 we emailed 42 and mailed 11; 60 paper copies sent out to county libraries. May 2018, we emailed 42 and mailed 10 copies. These included PDFs sent to the Tribune for printing copies and to Anne Oelke for posting on our website.

2. Ads/Articles – Nov. 9 & 16: Annual Tots to Teens Book Drive Article; Dec. 14: Tots to Teens Book Drive report article and Loving Literacy article on Calico Capers Quilt Guild's support for LV-MC through their donation of 124 books; Dec. 28 & Jan. 4, 11, 18: Article on LV-MC's annual hors d'oeuvre event at Mekan River Lodge; May: Family Adventure Day banner listing & photo in Tribune; June 28: Article and pictures on LV-MC's annual Volunteers & Friends Appreciation Dinner donor honorees; Aug. 30: Literacy Can't Wait article & info on annual meeting; Sept. 13: Michael Perry author talk; Sept. 13 & 20: article regarding rescheduled annual meeting.

3. Website – We have updated our newsletter and other entries posted by Anne Oelke, on www.mcreads.org.

4. International Literacy Day/Month 2018 - LV-MC is celebrating International Literacy Day by sponsoring the Sept. 15th appearance of Michael Perry, a native Wisconsin author, at the Endeavor Community Center, a county-wide library event.

5. Also, a reminder of the new trifold that was created and printed. It is available in the LV-MC tutoring office area at the Montello Public Library.

6. We are participating in the county-wide Giving Tree day in December and St. John's School would like to make our book drive their charitable donation this year.

Tutor Training- No tutor trainings.

Materials – Five copies of Tutor 8 were ordered at the cost of \$99, including shipping.

Board Development and Nominating: See election under New Business.

Program Committee: Fiscal year tutoring and volunteer report.

Fourteen volunteers reported a total of 1035.75 hours. This includes 17.75 direct Health Literacy training hours for 7/1/17-6/30/18.

At this time, we have no adult students.

Mindy Johnson-Roidt continues as tutor coordinator at Forest Lane, with 1 tutor working with small groups at Forest Lane, and one working at St. John's. There was also 1 tutor at Rio Elementary and Kathleen McGwin's Books with Beulah program in the 3rd grade in Montello. Trudy Knutson would like to be added to the volunteer list. LuAnn is waiting to find out how she may be needed at St. John's.

Volunteers once again gave their time to gather and organize books for the Tots to Teens Book Giveaway in December; to read to children during Family Adventure Day in April and Story Hours in Montello; to prepare activity packs for the WI Bookworm project at Head Start; to organize for our annual fundraiser in February; to provide books for the "First Time Moms" program coordinated with the County Health Dept.; to stock and maintain book shelves at the Food Pantry, county laundromats, medical and dental offices, and Casita de Libros at UMOs; and to continue to develop their knowledge by attending WI Literacy conferences, as well as many other services. Because of their dedication, hundreds of children and families in Marquette County have received help with reading.

Library Story Time: Story Time at the Montello Public Library. Grandma Library, Miss Judy and parent volunteers conduct Story Time from Sept. through May, continuing into June and July with help from parent volunteers.

WIC Montello: We continue to refresh the books at both the Montello and Westfield book racks, using many of the books left over from the Tots to Teens Book Giveaway.

WI Bookworm: HCE provided 55 book sets this past year for Head Start students and will do the same again this year. Vicki, Pat, Pam and many other volunteers gave their time preparing activities for each month.

Family Adventure Day: April 21 marked this event in which many county and local organizations, including LVMC, teams up to organize. We gave away over 100 books. Sharon Samuelson, Pam Iruk and Pat Johnson read to kids, and again took leftover books to the Food Pantry.

Tots to Teens Book Giveaway: Once again, thousands of books were collected and labeled for this year's annual Tots to Teens Book Giveaway, held at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Several volunteers returned the next day to help parents with their selections. Volunteers liked the way parents moved through this more focused space, giving them more chances to chat.

A big "Thank You" to Niki Russos-Harris for continuing as chairperson for our annual Mekan River Fundraiser in February. She has streamlined the organization!

Resource Committee: The 2018 Mekan River Lodge event netted over \$2,600, in the middle of amounts realized from previous years.

Old Business:

1. Community Read was held in Montello on September 15. It was very successful. We gave out brochures and bookmarks.
2. Computer/iPad classes have been held twice at Montello Library, conducted by Anne Oelke. Anne and Vicki have one left on Oct. 4.

New Business:

1. Election: Motion by Barbara, seconded by Sharon to accept the slate as presented: Vicki Huffman, President; LuAnn Ziemann, Vice-President; Mary Faltz, Secretary; Chuck Bornhoeft, Treasurer; and Directors: Pat Johnson, 2-yr. term expiring 9/2020; Barbara Church, 3-yr. term expiring 9/2021; Sharon Samuelson, 3-yr. term expiring 9/2021; Pam Iruk, 3-yr. term expiring 9/2021.

2. Budget: The working budget shows projected income of \$5,810 and expenses of \$6,251. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Barbara to approve. Motion carried.

3. State Literacy Conference: Date is Oct. 24-25 in Elkhart Lake.

4. Story Time Volunteers: Readers are needed Oct. 10 and some winter months. Trudy's name will be given to help out.

5. Tots to Teens/Giving Tree Day: December 8th is the giveaway day, with sorting on December 6th. Pre-sorting may be done the week before.

6. Mekan Fundraiser: Date is February 7th. Auction vetting meeting will be held Dec. 13th at the Library.

7. Other: Kathleen offered to donate more copies of her *Ready, Set, Wiggle* books.

Dues reminder: Payment of \$15 is due now for the coming year.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 15th, 9:00 am, at Café Hilltop.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by
Mary Faltz, Secretary**

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 EVENT

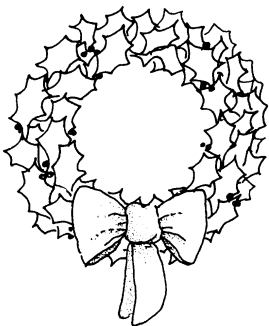
Tots to Teens Book Drive
Volunteers to help sort books be
at the Montello Methodist Church
at 9 a.m., Thurs. Dec. 6th!

19th Annual Hors d-oeuvre Buffet
at Mekan River Outfitters—February
7th 5-7:30 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!

LV-MC is a member of the following:

