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LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER



Annual Fundraiser Volunteer Appreciation Picnic Held June 21st in the Montello Park

36 literacy supporters attended the Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County Annual Fundraiser Volunteer Appreciation picnic. Chuck Bornhoeft, LV-MC's treasurer, and Charles Church, an LV-MC tutor, did the grilling. There was plenty of food and refreshments as well as desserts.

Although the day was hot and humid, everyone enjoyed themselves, and the proceeds from the donations and silent

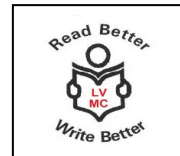
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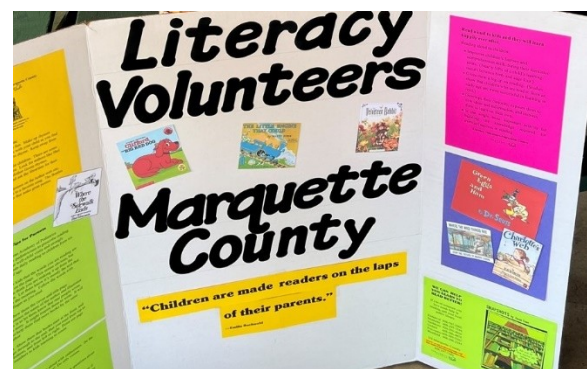
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auction will help in furthering support of literacy in Marquette County. \$277.00 were donated as well as \$385.00 raised from the silent auction.



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.



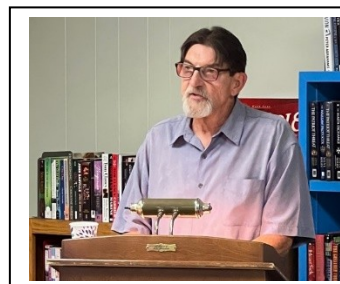
LV-MC County Libraries Mini Grants

Once again Literacy Volunteers- Marquette County offered mini grants at the end of spring to all the county libraries for a maximum of \$300 for special projects. Each interested library submitted an application.

Grants in the amount of \$300 were given to Packwaukee, Oxford, and Montello. These libraries are an important partner in literacy!

International Literacy Day Celebration Held September 7

Bruce Dethlefsen, former Wisconsin Poet Laureate, read from his latest book of poetry at The Poet Tree event. An open mic followed.



LV-MC Annual Meeting September 7, 2023

Vicki called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. at the Montello Public Library

Present were Vicki Huffman, Mary Faltz, LuAnn Zieman, Pat Johnson, Kathleen McGwin, Anne Oelke, Peggy Fullmer, Donna Klahn, and Chuck Bornhoeft.

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were sent to members via email. Motion by Anne/LuAnn to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck presented his report comparing 7/1/21-6/30/22, 7/1/22-6/30/23, and 7/1/23-6/30/24. Current balances are: Checking: \$2,727.78 CD: \$3,747.71

Public Relations Report (LuAnn):

Newsletters – Autumn Newsletters November 2022: 34 pdfs emailed and 15 paper copies in the LV-MC tutoring area at the Montello Public Library. Spring Newsletters May 2023: 37 pdfs were sent with 2 undeliverable for Mary Oakes and Carol Kruse.

Ads/Articles since the last annual meeting – September 15th: article announcing Adult Education and Family Literacy Week to begin Sept. 19th; October 13th: article and picture relating to a donation from Buffalo Lake Camping Resort to LV-MC; October 27th & November 3rd & 10th: articles on Annual Tots to Teens book Drive; April 20th: article and picture of the LV-MC book giveaway booth at the Family Adventure Day held April 15th; August 24th – LV-MC Annual meeting and Poet Tree article.

Website – We have updated our newsletters and other entries posted by Anne Oelke, on our website at www.mcreads.com. Our next newsletter is scheduled for November.

International Literacy Day/Month 2023 – A special Poet Tree event is taking place at 6 p.m. September 7th (tonight) at the Montello Public Library, featuring Bruce Dethlefsen, local poet and former Wisconsin Poet Laureate, reading from his new book of poetry, to be followed by open mic poetry readings. LV-MC annual meeting to follow.

Annual Fundraiser Letter to Donors – The agreed upon fundraiser letter draft was copied and mailed by Vicki. Donors and potential donors were advised of an upcoming summer park thank-you picnic to replace the appreciation dinners of the past. It was held in the Montello City Park on June 21st. LuAnn updated some trifold displays that included a brief history of LV-MC, as well as pictures and information about our services.

Also – a reminder that copies of our trifold brochure are available in the LV-MC tutoring/office area at Montello Public Library.

Tutor Training: No new training.

Materials: LuAnn donated 2 books for use with ESL students: *Practice Makes Perfect – Intermediate Grammar for ESL Learners*, and *The English Tenses Exercise Book*. 37 copies of *Read For Joy* (sent to first-time mothers by Marquette County nurses) were ordered. Cost was \$300, including shipping.

Board Development & Nominating:

Those with terms due in 2023 are: President Vicki Huffman, Vice President LuAnn Zieman, Secretary Mary Faltz, Treasurer Chuck Bornhoeft, and Board Members Pat Johnson and Anne Oelke. Terms ending 9/2024 are Barbara Church and Teale Loring.

Program Committee: Barb is not present.

Vicki: annual report for WI Literacy and Pro Literacy – this year nothing came in the mail by Aug 1. Data entry is done but no report info came by the usual date. Vicki made phone calls and had words with them! She was not a happy camper. It finally came in early September with a November due date.

OLD BUSINESS: Touch a Truck, August 19th: Vicki hosted it on behalf of both LV-MC and Marquette County Libraries by herself. No libraries volunteered to help, despite manning their own booth last year. Gave away 70-100 books. Fewer people turned out than last year. (Last year it was in Spring.) Toddlers loved picking out their board books and picture books.

NEW BUSINESS: Giving Tree, December 6-9, 2023 – Vicki met with Paula Chambers, who is in charge of the Giving Tree (by herself). Paula hears people asking about the books when they pick up their gifts.

We now have at least 7 boxes of second-tier books. Vicki would like to skip the next book drive and go to Books 4 School in Madison (201 E. Badger Rd.) to buy some more books. We usually give 3 books per child up to age 12. Would like to see if something can be put on the forms to families asking about reading subject interest. They need our books by December 6-9 this year (9th is the giveaway day). Maybe could do sorting by Dec. 1st. Anne and Vicki have a system to do this. (Labeling, sorting)

Laundromat Literacy Locations: Montello, Westfield, Oxford, Neshkoro

New “Adopt-a-Laundromat” Volunteers are: Kathleen/Neshkoro; Peggy/Westfield & Oxford; Mary/Montello. It was suggested to also look for other venues.

Health Dept., Social Services, Dental & Doctor offices with (newly purchased) books geared to them.

Anne: Worst part is finding books that appeal to MS aged kids: Don't know what they read, and don't have many of those books to offer.

Budget Approval – Budget figures submitted by Chuck show projected expenses for 2023-24 of \$4,373 and projected income of \$3,550. Motion by LuAnn, Anne seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Election of Officers/Board – Motion by Lu/Ann, seconded by Anne to approve the slate. One-year terms for officers President Vicki Huffman, Vice President LuAnn Zieman, Secretary Mary Faltz, Treasurer Chuck Bornhoeft. 1 Year for Board Member Pat Johnson and 2 years for Anne Oelke. Motion carried.

Director Discussion – Vicki would really like a librarian or someone like Hannah Zellmer (education-type business) to be “Vicki,” maybe an hour a week. The person would be like an executive director or manage the volunteers; someone who is already in an office every day. Suggestion was given to make a job description. Maybe it would interest a part-time library aide. (field calls, send out info packets to potential tutors, students). Vicki has a list of everything she does that could be a start.

WI Literacy Update – Virtual State Literacy Conference is November 1. Vicki will email the link for info, once she receives it.

Next Board Meeting: November 9th, 9:00 a.m. at the Library

Motion to adjourn: LuAnn/Anne. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Mary Faltz, Secretary

Thanks to Our Supporters!

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County could not exist without its financial backers.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations that have supported our efforts at promoting literacy in our community during the past are greatly appreciated. EVERYONE listed is a continuing donor. We are working on a winter fundraiser and will advertise it when finalized.

In-Kind Donations Last 17 Months

Winnefox Library System
Montello Public Library
Endeavor Public Library
Ethel Everhard Memorial Library
Neshkoro Public Library
Oxford Public Library
Packwaukee Public Library
Nelson and Pade Aquaponics
Faltz Impression Printing
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Vicki Huffman
LuAnn Zieman
Pat Johnson

Special Thanks to Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. and our regional consultant, Beth Gaytan!

Contributors of \$1000 or more

Buffalo Lake Campground and
Robert Oelke

Contributors of \$250-499

Pat Johnson
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Contributors of \$100-299

Sue Allen & Bruce Dethlefsen
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Al Rosenthal
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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.

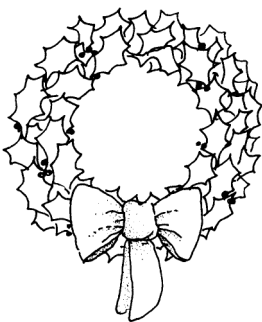
NEWS & notes



Mary Faltz, LV-MC secretary, accepted a donation on behalf of LV-MC from Buffalo Lake Camping Resort (Gary & Linda Doudna) for \$502—the proceeds from their “Booking it Back to School” weekend promotion the weekend before Labor Day.

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Give the gift of literacy.



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.

LV-MC is a member of the following:

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