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SPECIAL REMINDER

Final Announcement--Changes Coming to Newsletter Mailings

By LuAnn Zieman

The board of Literacy Volunteers- Marquette County voted last fall to reduce the number of newsletters published to two per year. In addition, the cost of postage was discussed. It was decided to pay the 2012 bulk mailing fee and do the mailings this year so that all our readers will be aware of the upcoming change.

We will continue posting each May and November newsletter on the website at www.mcreads.org, just as we do now.

If anyone wishes a pdf sent to their email, please contact LuAnn Zieman, editor, at zieman@bugnet.net. Those who wish a paper copy may contact her at the same email, or call 608-297-2422, or mail her at W1440 State Rd 23, Montello, WI 53949. The mailed newsletters will be sent at regular postal rates.

Those who have already made contact have been noted. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you do not wish to receive one. There will be copies available at the Marquette County libraries.



ANNUAL TOTS TO TEENS BOOK DRIVE

The annual Tots to Teens Book Drive has begun. All childrens and teens 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, as well as post offices in Montello 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 7th.

Books will be given away to local families through the Marquette County Human Services during their annual Christmas gift distribution in Montello on December 15th.

Many thanks for your contributions!

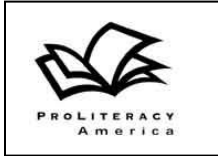
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ACTIVITY PACK SESSIONS

Two activity pack sessions have been held at the Montello Public Library with many volunteers helping. Pat Johnson and Vicki Huffman design the activities to accompany books provided to Head Start children through HCE's Wisconsin Bookworm™ program.

Look for an e-mail announcing the date and time for our next session. If you are not on the e-mail list that receives notification of these sessions and would like to be, please contact Vicki Huffman at vjhawk@mwwb.net or 608-297-8900.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Volunteers wishing to help sort the Tots to Teens books please meet at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Montello **at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 13.** If you are picking up books you may bring them at this time, or deliver them earlier that week to the church.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

By Barbara Church

School-age students are being tutored individually at Forest Lane Elementary in Montello. Anne Oelke, Cathy Franks and Bette Whitrock are volunteers at Forest Lane.

Pat Johnson has 2 Basic Literacy students who are presently on hold. There is one student waiting for a tutor match. Vicki Huffman and Jess Bruckner each have a GED student.

Judy Schelble has restarted the Library Story Time at the Montello Public Library. There will be a winter break December and January, as the attendance is low during those months.

NEWS & notes From

President Vicki Huffman

**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS-MARQUETTE
COUNTY ESSAY WINNERS**

LV-MC sponsored its second annual Essay Contest in conjunction with International Literacy Day, which is held on September 8th. Essays were judged in four age categories with winners of each category receiving a \$15.00 check. This year's theme was "Reading Helps Me Dream Big." The winning essays were printed in the Marquette County Tribune at the end of September.

The winners in each category were Sammi Vetter of Endeavor in the age 7 and under; Ave Vystrcil of Montello in the age 8-11; Madilyn N. Vetter of Endeavor in the age 12-15; and Lori Hansel of Westfield in the age 16 and over.

Thank you to our judges, Bruce Dethlefsen and Kathleen McGwin! We appreciate their time and talent.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS - MARQUETTE COUNTY
Annual Meeting
September 20, 2012
Montello Public Library

Present: LuAnn Zieman, Pat Johnson, Bette Whitrock, Lee Ann Casper, Bette Schneider, Mary Faltz, Linda Armbruster, Vicki Huffman, Rita Socha, Joan Richardson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Vicki Huffman. Introductions were made for all present.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were reviewed. The minutes stood approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Non-board members received a year-to-year comparison sheet. Board members received a Year-to-date report. Cash balance is \$3,295.52. CD balance is \$3,057.51.

Essay Contest Winners: We held our 2nd annual essay contest in conjunction with International Literacy Day. Judges were Bruce Dethlefsen, Kathleen McGwin and LuAnn Zieman. Lu Ann read the winning essays in our 4 age categories. We had about 12 entries this year. (Winners were to receive \$15 gift cards, but due to fees that would be charged, Vicki asked board members via email later for permission to award cash instead.)

Public Relations: For Literacy Day, we had a health display at the Montello Public Library.

Newsletters: 349 were mailed on November 21, 2011; 325 were mailed May 11, 2012; 324 were mailed September 10, 2012.

Ads & Articles: Since September 2011, there have been 10 ads and/or articles and photos published in the Marquette County Tribune. Topics included Tots to Teens Book Drive, February hors d'oeuvre fund raiser, and International Literacy Day Writing Contest. Last year's winning essays were printed in the Tribune at the end of September last year.

Website: Our newsletters have been posted by Anne Oelke, who took over for Jess Bruckner.

International Literacy Day/Month 2012: Our essay contest theme was "Reading Helps Me Dream Big."

Tutor Training Report: Two tutor trainings have been

completed. Tutor trainings were scheduled using the independent tutor training using Tutor 7 as a text. Joan Richardson completed training March 23rd and Bette Schneider finished it April 24th. Linda said she is interested in being trained.

Materials Report: 1. Number Power 9 Student Edition, published by McGraw-Hill's Contemporary, was ordered for a student. 2. Challenger Second Edition, Student Books 2 and 6, five copies of each, were ordered from New Reader's Press. 3. Steck-Vaughn Comprehension Skills: 30 Book Classroom Library was ordered, as well as an extra teacher's guide.

Audit Committee: Vicki read the report done by Emily Roidt, which said our financial records are in order. Motion by Pat, seconded by LuAnn to accept the audit report. Motion carried.

Board Development & Nominating Committee: The Standing Committees list was reviewed. In the Family Literacy category, we need a new chairperson for the Tots to Teens Book Drive, as Karen Jacobi will not be able to head it this year. Vicki described the Head Start Bookworm and other programs to our new members.

Program Committee:

Fiscal Year Tutoring - 20 volunteers, including 6 tutors, reported a total of 760.67 hours. This includes 61 direct tutoring hours from 7/1/11-6/30/12, plus 699.97 other volunteer hours - including time needed for travel and lesson preparation for tutors. Volunteers assisted again at both Forest Lane (1) and St. John's Lutheran (2). Also, Bette Schneider tutored 2 elementary students in Oxford.

We currently have 3 students enrolled in the Basic Literacy program and 2 in the GED program coordinating with Sheril Lannoye at the Job Training Center in Montello. Three students left the program this year, one having reached the honor roll at Montello Jr. HS. One student in Oxford is awaiting a new tutor.

Two new students started with tutors this summer, and requests are in for possibly 2 more tutor/student commitments.

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. 21. 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.

WIC Montello - We continue to refresh the books at the Montello bookcart.

WI Bookworm - HCE has committed to providing 64 book sets for the upcoming year. Vicki and Pat will again prepare activities for each month, with the help of other volunteers.

Kids' Stuff - Two LVMC volunteers again read to children at the Head Start Open House held Aug. 28. Partners were LVMC, Marquette County Head Start (located adjacent to Oxford Elementary School), Oxford Fire Dept., Marquette County Health Dept., Human Services, Sheriff's Department, EMS, WIC, and Birth to 3.

Child Development Days, Montello - Three LVMC volunteers talked to parents and handed out information about LVMC at this event in April.

Tots to Teens Book Drive - MANY books were collected for this year's annual Tots to Teens Book Drive. Because of the weather, many books were left over. Many of the remainder were added to the WIC self-service book carts.

Resource Committee: Our major fundraiser, the Hors d'Oeuvre Buffet held at Mekan Rvier Outfitters on the first Thursday of February, netted \$2,373 versus \$2,101 for 201. Attendance was at capacity, with 109 tickets sold versus 96 for the previous year. 102 actual folks showed up. Additional donations during the year included \$100 from grants (WI Literacy), \$250 from service clubs, and \$460 from individuals. Annually we list our donors in the spring newsletter.

Old Business: none

New Business: Election - The slate for 2012-13 is: Vicki Huffman, President & Treasurer; LuAnn Zieman, Vice President; Mary Faltz, Secretary; Lee Ann Casper, Board Member, term expiring 2013; Pat Johnson, Board Member, term expiring 2013; Bette Schneider, Board Member, term expiring 2015. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Bette, to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried.

Budget Approval: Working Budget 7/1/12-6/30/13

Income:

Contributions	1000
Membership Dues	350

Mecan Fund Raiser	1220
Mecan Silent Auction	1200
Grants	0
TOTAL	3770

Expenses:

Books & Teaching Materials	1000
Publicity & Promotion (incl annual dinner)	1200
Postage, Printing & Supplies	200
Memberships, state fees	180
Contracted Services, Software Support	500
Insurance	500
Tutor Training, Conferences, Travel	500
TOTAL	3800

NET (30)

Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Pat, to accept budget as presented. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting is November 8, 2012 at Cafe Hilltop, 9 am.

Website: mcreads.org

Sheets for reporting hours, etc. are available there. LuAnn said she uses her pocket calendar (available to each paying LVMC member) to record her hours for easy look-up. Dues were collected and calendars handed out by Vicki.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Mary Faltz, Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 13th Annual Hors d'oeuvre Buffet at Mekan River Outfitters will be held Thursday, February 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$30 each. Watch our website and the Tribune for more details closer to the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tots to Teens Book Drive deadline for collecting books December 7th!

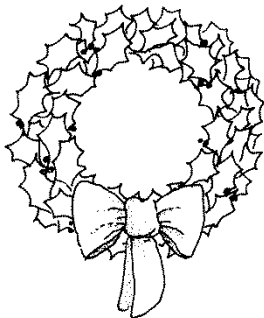
Volunteers to help sort books be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 9 a.m. Dec. 13th!

Thirteenth Annual Hors d-oeuvre Buffet at Mekan River Outfitters Thursday, February 7 from 5 to 8 p.m.

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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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