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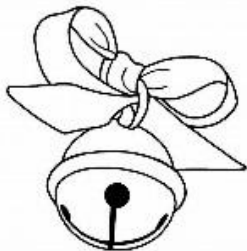
Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County Begins Tots to Teens Book Drive

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County announces the annual Tots to Teens Book Drive, which just began and ends November 25th. The book giveaway will be held in conjunction with the Giving Tree on Saturday morning, December 12th, at Trinity Methodist Church in Montello.

There is a need for Tween books. Donations of these would be much appreciated.

Please drop off new or gently used books in the boxes provided at the following sites: Montello Library, Packwaukee Library, Endeavor Library, Westfield Library, Oxford Library, and Neshkoro Library. Due to COVID-19, none of the schools will be drop-off sites.

Thank you to all who donate!



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ANNOUNCING!

Mecan Fundraiser Hors d'oeuvre Buffet Cancelled

The annual 2021 LV-MC fundraiser has been cancelled. In its place we will be sending out letters to our many friends who generously donate to our literacy work. This is the only fundraiser LV-MC sponsors throughout the year, so we appreciate all donations.

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 Board Meetings in Vicki's ZOOM Room

Our LV-MC Board members have had to adapt as have many other groups during this pandemic. We meet every couple months via ZOOM.

Many of the activities in which we normally participate have been cancelled, but we have continued many of our programs. Our September 10, 2020 Annual Meeting minutes include them.

LV-MC Volunteers and Friends Appreciation Picnic



Vicki and the virtual certificate.

Volunteers and Friends of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County gathered—spaced appropriately—for a picnic in the Montello Park Pavilion. There were 22 who attended the event catered by Oyster Crackers.



September 10, 2020 ZOOM Meeting: Top—Vicki, LuAnn, Anne. Middle—Pat, Pam, Sharon, Chuck. Bottom—Barbara, Mary, & Guest Beth Gaytan from WI Literacy.



Mary & Chuck Bornhoeft planned the picnic.



**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS-MARQUETTE COUNTY
ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
Via Zoom**

Call to order by Vicki Huffman-President, at 9:33 a.m. via Zoom.

Attendance - Chuck Bornhoeft, Anne Oelke, Vicki Huffman, LuAnn Zieman, Pat Johnson, Barbara Church, Mary Faltz, Sharon Samuelson, Pam Iruk

Guest – Beth Gayton – WI Literacy

Secretary's Report: Minutes of September 2019 annual meeting were reviewed. Correction was made under Other Book Programs to the name of the business: Teapot Quilt Cottage. Motion by Anne, seconded by Pat to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Chuck reported total funds of \$6,554.73 as of this date.

Public Relations:

1. Newsletters--November 2019—40 emailed and 8 mailed USPS; 48 paper copies sent out to county libraries; May 2020—40 emailed and 9 mailed USPS. Library copies not sent due to present circumstances. Pdfs sent to the Tribune and Anne Oelke, our webmaster, are included in the totals above.

2. Ads/articles--Tribune ads and article since the last annual meeting—**November 7th, 14th, & 21st & December 5th**--Annual Tots to Teens Book Drive articles; **December 26th**--Tots to Teens Book Giveaway Report with pictures; **2020: January 2nd, 9th, and 23rd**—Articles on LV-MC's annual hors d'oeuvre event; **January 16th**—Shannon Freimuth Agency donation; **February 13th**--Fortifi Bank donation; **August 20th**—LV-MC Volunteer & Friends Appreciation Picnic; **September 3rd**--Celebrate International Literacy Day & Annual meeting announcement articles.

3. 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.

4. International Literacy Day/Month 2020—No special activity due to COVID-19.

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

Tutor Training: No tutor trainings. LuAnn sent Chuck Bornhoeft some information and materials regarding work with his English as an Additional Language student.

Materials – LuAnn purchased 2 books for Chuck to use with his student: Practice Makes Perfect: English Vocabulary for Beginning ESL Learners and Practice Makes Perfect Basic English exercises.

Program Committee: Fiscal Year Tutoring and Volunteer Report

Even though the Covid-19 virus forced the closure of schools, libraries, many businesses, and cancelled most events beginning in mid-March, Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County still accomplished many things.

Fiscal Year Tutoring and Volunteer Report:

Twenty-three volunteers reported a total of 537 hours. This includes 1 tutoring hour for Vicki before her student moved away. Chuck had 11.5 direct Health Literacy training hours for 7/1/19-6/30/20. He continues to serve on the State's prescription labeling project. Only one volunteer was able to work in the schools this past year, and that was 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 for Story Hour in Montello; to prepare activity packs for 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, Marquette Co. laundromats, medical and dental offices, Hope House, 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, 100s of children and families in Marquette County have received help with reading and other literacy concerns.

Library Story Time: Grandma Library read for Story Time at Montello Public Library through December. Parent volunteers and library staff continued through mid-March. Our library director continued Story Time readings on Facebook, with help from Mindy Johnson-Roidt. The Story Trail was up and running again this spring/summer with help from Kathleen McGwin and other volunteers. It will remain up through September. Chuck volunteered at Oxford Public Library.

WIC Montello: We continue to refresh the books at both the Montello and Westfield bookracks, using many of the books leftover 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 coming year. Vicki, Pat, Pam and many other volunteers gave their time preparing activities for the 7-month period.

Family Adventure Day. Cancelled this year.

Tots to Teens Book Giveaway: Once again, thousands of books were collected and labelled for this year's annual Tots to Teens Book Giveaway—continuing in its venue at the United Methodist Church. Several volunteers returned the next day to help parents with their selections.

Betty, Blanche & Beulah Adventures: Kathleen McGwin and her canine companions have been reading with 3rd and 4th graders. 3rd graders received *Wiggle Your Doggie* books. Reginald went to Westfield Library for the READ program.

Board Development and Nominating: Pres-Vicki Huffman, VP-LuAnn Ziemann, Sec'y-Mary Faltz, Treasurer-Chuck Bornhoeft, Director-Anne Oelke term expiring 9/2023, Director Pat Johnson term expiring 9/2023. (note officers are one-year terms)

Old Business:

1. Appreciation Picnic: The picnic at Montello City Park went very well. Andrea Klapper requests a plug for libraries to the county supervisors and city aldermen to maintain funding. Tell them how much libraries mean to people. If they think that because libraries are closed that they don't need the funding, that isn't true.

2. Chairs for Tutoring Room: This was tabled previously. Originally, we said we'd buy 4 chairs and Andrea wanted to pick them out. She found a sale on 5 chairs for \$171 total. Motion by Chuck, seconded by Pat to purchase them. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Election: Motion by Barb, seconded by Anne, to cast a unanimous ballot for the officers as presented: Vicki Huffman, President; LuAnn Ziemann, Vice-President; Mary Faltz, Secretary; Chuck Bornhoeft, Treasurer, Director-Anne Oelke, term expiring 9/2023; Director Pat Johnson, term expiring 9/2023. Motion carried.

2. Budget: Income this year will be a big question because the fundraiser is on hold. Expenses will be about the same, so the budget is Chuck's best guess at this moment in time. Motion by Barb, seconded by LuAnn to approve the budget. Motion carried.

3. State Literacy Conference: Beth reported the State conference is cancelled this October. Professional development webinar trainings will be held throughout the fall semester through Wisconsin Technical College System. A day-long training is on October 6th (virtual). Madison Reading Project is Technical College System. A day-long training is on October 6th (virtual). Madison Reading Project is getting a lot of contact from groups.

4. Tots to Teens/Giving Tree Day: December 12th is the giveaway day. In Waushara County, Cathy Duesterhoeft said the Wautoma Library put together book bundles to give away. Anne suggested we can bag books by age and interest, although we don't know how much feedback we can get from participating families ahead of time. We can put the bags of books in with Giving Tree gifts, so we don't need to have personal contact. Vicki suggested we put out an early request for people to drop off books and start the sorting early. Drop-offs will

just be at libraries this year. Anne suggested we include a LVMC brochure and library information in each bag. Watch for sales on the "Books for Schools" website.

5. Story Time Volunteers: Montello Public Library – Andrea would like anyone willing to tape some readings to have on hand. She's still figuring out how to bring in families in person.

6. Meca Fundraiser: It's on hold and probably won't happen for 2021. Vicki doesn't want an online auction without the fun. We could send out letters to past/potential attendees asking for donations – like a no-bake bake sale, it would be a no-auction auction!

7. Other: Sharon told us about seeing a woman on our bench at UMOS who was reading.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 12th, 9:00 am.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.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 EVENTS

Tots to Teens Book Drive

sorting of books will be done by individuals before they are delivered to the Montello Methodist Church for the Dec. 12th Giving Tree distribution!

Anyone having clean empty pill

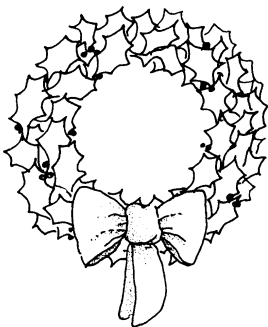
bottles with labels removed: Vicki and Pat need them for a project for the HCE reading program. Bring them to the Montello Library anytime between now and mid-January.

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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:

