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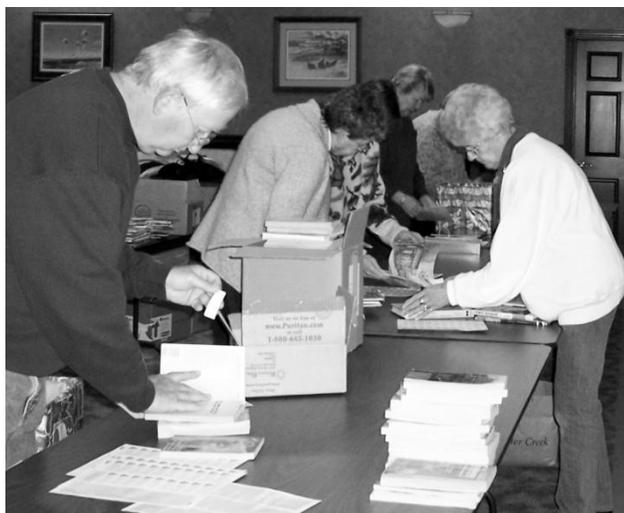
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LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER

Annual Tots-to-Teens Book Drive Underway

Karen Jacobi, Book Drive chair

The annual Tot-to-Teens Book Drive is now underway. Thanks to all who have already been busy placing collection boxes, hanging posters, and putting notices in school, church and library newsletters or bulletins! All new and gently-used books are welcome, as well as plastic bags to hold the giveaway books. The final day for the public to place books in boxes is December 2nd; our volunteers will be picking up the boxes of books on or after that date. Last year LV-MC President Vicki Huffman estimated well over 1,800 books were given away.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The book-sorting day this year is Thursday, December 8th, starting at 9 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church's community room in Montello.

The more volunteers coming to sort and place labels on the books, the shorter the workday! If you are able to come for even a few hours, please know you will be very welcomed—husbands and wives!

The Marquette County Social Services holiday gift giveaway, of which the Tots-to-Teens Book Drive is a part, will take place Saturday, December 10th, from 9 a.m.-noon.

We also need volunteers to help people locate books appropriate for their children.

Volunteers should be there from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—that will allow us time to be sure the book tables are ready, as well as a little clean-up time at the end of the giveaway.

Please call Karen Jacobi at 920-787-4815 if you are able to come to help on the giveaway day. This is a worthwhile event for our county's children in need. Donating a few hours to this annual event benefits everyone, including the volunteer.

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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to Read” printed in the *Marquette County Tribune*.

There were 20 entries in 3 age categories. The judging was conducted by Sue Hunter, Bruce Dethlefsen and Kathleen McGwin.

The results were a tie for 1st in the age 11 and under category: Creed Leofilos of Montello and Maddi Vetter of Endeavor. In the age 12-17 category, the winner was Tiffany Buchholz of Westfield, and in the age 18 and up category, the winner was Linda Wachholz of Montello. All winners were awarded \$15 gift certificates for their choice of bookstore—Book World in Ripon or Barnes & Noble.

Program Committee Report

From Barbara Church, Tutor/Student Match Coordinator

Tutoring--There are 2 volunteer tutors working with school age children—Bette Whitrock and Gordon Fabian. Two volunteers are on hiatus with their students—Barbara Church and Jess Bruckner. Pat Johnson’s two adult basic literacy students have not yet returned from break. There is a need for a tutor volunteer in Neshkoro. One GED student has shown interest, but has not yet been tested at the Job Center.

Library Story Time at the Montello Public Library—Judy Schelble began the program again mid-September, but there will be a winter break December-January due to decrease in attendance during those months.



Pat Johnson, Vicki Huffman, Marj Cox-Fabian, Bette Whitrock and LuAnn Zieman completed activity packets for 64 children for the WI Bookworm™ project.

NEWS & notes

From the President, Vicki Huffman

LV-MC once again partnered with other county agencies to take part in Kid Stuff on Tuesday, August 30, from 3-7 p.m. at the Oxford Elementary School gymnasium located at 222 Franklin Ave., Oxford. Pat Johnson, Bette Schneider and Vicki Huffman were the LV-MC volunteer readers at the event, giving away 25 books.



International Literacy Day (September 8) Essay Contest winners were announced and their winning entries on the topic “Why I Love

Literacy Volunteers – Marquette County Annual Meeting

September 8, 2011

Present: Vicki Huffman, Marjorie Cox Fabian, Bette Whitrock, Bette Schneider, Pat Johnson, LuAnn Zieman, Jess Bruckner; (arriving 7:10) Mary Faltz.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Marj to accept the Secretary's report as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Vicki for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. We showed total income of \$6,268.71 and total expenses of \$6,276.42. Our cash balance currently is \$3,087.67 and our CD balance is \$3,000.36.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

International Literacy Day Essay Contest Winners: Vicki read the winning essays in 3 age groups with the theme, "Why I Love to Read." 11& under: Creed Leofilos, Montello, and Maddi Vetter, Endeavor, tied. 12-17 years old: Tiffany Buchholz, Westfield. 18 & over: Linda Wachholz, Montello. Winners get a \$15 gift card to either Book World or Barnes & Noble. We had 20 entries. Judges were Kathleen McGwin, Sue Hunter and Bruce Dethlefsen. Funding was provided by Alliant Energy Foundation, Dollar General Literacy Foundation and Verizon, through Wisconsin Literacy, Inc.

Public Relations: Newsletters – 369 mailed 11/24/10; 368 mailed 3/9/11; 360 mailed 5/16/11; 363 mailed 8/22/11. Ads & Articles – There have been 11 ads and/or articles & photos published in the *Marquette County Tribune*. Topics included Tots to Teens Book Drive, February hors d'oeuvre fund raiser, "Kid Stuff" and International Literacy Day Writing Contest. One article also appeared in the *Princeton Times Republic*.

Website – We have had updated newsletter entries posted by Jess Bruckner since 2010. International Literacy Day/Month 2011 – We had the essay contest on "Why I Love Reading." (See results above)

Health Literacy Pamphlet – LuAnn created a tri-fold pamphlet with health literacy facts for use with parents and public health nurses. Some were available at the Marquette County Fair, as well as "Kid Stuff."

Materials Report: No teaching materials were ordered this year.

Audit Report: Emily Roidt-Stevenson conducted the audit and reported everything appears to be in balance.

Board Development & Nominating: All present officers will continue for a 1-year term. Lee Ann Casper is moving in 2012, but will stay on for 1 year. Judy Schelble and Barbara Church agreed to 3-year terms, ending in 2014. Bette Schneider agreed to a 1-year term.

Program Committee: Fiscal year tutoring – 22 volunteers, including 5 tutors, reported a total of 959 hours, an increase of 28 hours. This includes 81 direct tutoring hours from 7/1/10 to 6/30/11, a decrease of 51 tutoring hours, plus 878 other volunteer hours, including travel time and lesson preparation.

This past year we lost Barb Rowe due to her move to Oshkosh, but gained Jess Bruckner. Volunteers assisted again at both Forest Lane (2) and St. John's (2). Other volunteers were prepared to assist teachers at Forest Lane; however, schedules could not be coordinated.

At this time, we have 3 students enrolled in the Basic Literacy program; one is a Westfield HS student. Barbara continues with her now junior high Montello student. No students left the program this year, although one was on a year's hiatus.

LVMC also presented a new health literacy curriculum with the aid of a state grant. Ten Head Start parents and 2 private students completed this curriculum. During the past summer at the Oxford Library, new volunteer Bette Schneider offered a group tutoring "boot camp" for middle school students to help improve reading skills.

Library Story Time at the Montello Public Library enjoyed a big boost in attendance because of the move to Friday mornings. An estimated 20 students arrived to hear Judy or the librarian read most months during these sessions. Fewer attended during the winter months.

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

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

Kid Stuff – Three LVMC volunteers again read to children at the Head Start Open house on August 30th. Partners were

LVMC, the new Marquette Co. Head Start located adjacent to Oxford Elementary School, Marquette County: Health Dept., Human Services, Sheriff's Dept., EMS, WIC, and Birth to 3.

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

(Bette Whitrock was excused to leave)

Resource Committee: Our major fund raiser, the Hors D'Oeuvre Buffet held at Mekan River Lodge on the first Thursday of February, netted \$2,101 versus \$1,984 for 2010. Attendance was up slightly, with 96 tickets sold versus 94 for 2010. Capacity is 100.

Additional donations during the year included \$175 from businesses, \$640 from grants (WI Literacy), and \$620 from individuals. Annually we list donors in the spring newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Dues Increase From \$10 to \$15: Policy 1 (1) will increase our yearly dues to \$15 for the Program Year July 1st through June 30th. This proposal was printed in our last newsletter. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Pat to approve the two changes in the policy. Motion carried.

Election: Proposed Officers and Board Members Include:

Vicki Huffman, President & Treasurer

LuAnn Zieman, Vice-President

Mary Faltz, Secretary

Lee Ann Casper, Board Member, term expiring 2012

Judy Schelble, Board Member, term expiring 2014

Barbara Church, Board Member, term expiring 2014

Bette Schneider, Board member, term expiring 2012

Motion by Lu Ann, seconded by Marj to approve slate as presented. Motion carried.

Budget Approval: Vicki presented a proposed budget for 7/1/11 through 6/30/11. Income: \$3,100 Contributions & Events; \$100 Grants; \$435 Membership Dues. Total = \$3,635

Expenses: \$500 Books, Teaching Materials; \$900 Publicity & Promotion; \$700 Supplies; \$185 Memberships, State Fees; \$400 Contracted Services/Software Support; \$220 Insurance;

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\$600 Tutor Training, Conferences, Travel; \$100 Mileage to Volunteers. Total = \$3,605

Incomes, grants, and dues were adjusted to reflect our expectations for this year. We will not need our major book purchases, like the *Read For Joy* and other give-aways because a supply was just purchased recently. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Jess to accept the budget. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be November 10th at 9:00 a.m. at Café Hilltop in Montello.

Vicki called for adjournment at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mary Faltz, Secretary



Marj Cox-Fabian for serving on our board for the past year!



LITERACY BOARD NEWS

Lee Ann Casper is organizing our annual Hors d'oeuvre Buffet Fundraiser at Mekan River Outfitters on February 2, 2012. We will have a planning meeting at the Montello Public Library community room on Monday, December 5 at 10 a.m. Those with Silent Auction items are asked to bring them along if possible.

The next LV-MC Board meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 9 a.m. at Café Hilltop in Montello.

Note for all LV-MC members: Dues for the year are now being collected. Send in your \$15 and receive your new daybook.

When winter wearies you, attending the Literacy Volunteers annual *fundraiser* on Thursday, February 2 will make you feel better.

From 5 to 8 pm at Mekan River Outfitters, east of Montello on Hwy 23, enjoy the bountiful hors d'oeuvre buffet set up throughout the restaurant. You will not go away hungry. In the past, the offerings have included amazing appetizers, soups, breads, beautiful fresh fruit and delectable desserts, all created by the restaurant staff.

You will also feel good about making a nice donation to the Literacy Volunteers of Marquette County.

A percentage of each ticket will go to fund the volunteers' work with adult literacy students, children in schools, GED candidates, and English as a second language learners.

In addition, you will have the opportunity to bid on a variety of affordable items ranging from useful to unique, and that in the past have included fine wines, books and jewelry from many countries, as well as children's items.

In the coming weeks, we will publicize the event, the cost of the tickets and where they can be purchased.

Lee Ann Casper, Fundraiser Chair

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**.

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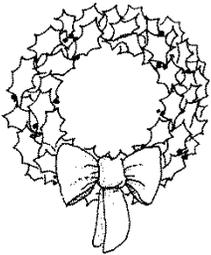
Telephone _____ E-mail _____

- I wish to be an active volunteer/member and have enclosed the \$10 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

All new or gently used books should be deposited in book collection boxes by December 2. Book collection boxes are located at all county libraries as well as schools and post offices.



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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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