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ANNUAL TOTS-TO-TEENS BOOK DRIVE UNDERWAY

by Karen Jacobi, Book Drive Coordinator

The annual Tots-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/bulletins! The final day for the public to place books in boxes is December 2nd; our volunteers will be picking up the boxes of books after that date. Last year well over 1,200 books were given away—that is awesome! All new and gently-used books are welcome.

Former book drive coordinator, Pat Johnson, has asked to be relieved of that position, and Karen Jacobi has volunteered to help. Pat is still very much involved, and you may contact either Pat (608-297-8077) or Karen (920-787-4815) with any questions you have.

The book-sorting will take place Thursday, December 9th, beginning at 9 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church community room in Montello. The more volunteers, the shorter the workday! If you are able to help for an hour or two, please let Pat or Karen know. You will be very welcomed!

The book giveaway, in conjunction with the Marquette County Social Services Dept. holiday gift giveaway, is Saturday, December 11th in the community room at Montello's St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. We also need volunteers for that morning. Please call either Pat or Karen; they will be able to give you the exact times that volunteers will be needed.

This is a worthwhile event for our county's children in need; donating a few hours of your time is both satisfying and beneficial.



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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HEALTH LITERACY AWARENESS PROJECT

by Vicki Huffman

The first of several health literacy curriculum discussions was held at Forest Lane Elementary on October 14 in conjunction with Head Start Parent Night. Mary Oakes, Florence Penafior and Anna Weber, all from the Marquette County Health Dept., fielded questions and explained various issues concerning healthcare. Vicki Huffman acted as moderator.

The curriculum is geared toward helping adults understand how the health care system works, when to use it, and how to understand and communicate with doctors and other health care professionals. LuAnn Zieman, LV-MC publicity chair, created a brochure on health literacy to be used by the public. She can be reached at zieman@maqs.net.

Additional literacy curriculum sessions will be held November 18 and December 9 at the County Services Building in Montello. Anyone interested can phone Vicki at 608-297-8900. Many of our volunteers are also available for individual sessions if needed. WI Literacy, Inc. provided the training, materials and curriculum for this project.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

by Barbara Church

We presently have 2 volunteers at Forest Lane—Montello, 2 at St. John's Lutheran School—Montello and 1 is tutored at home. Pat Johnson continues working with 2 adult basic literacy students in Montello. Sue Hunter is working on an "as needed" basis with 1 adult literacy student in Montello.

Judy Schelble restarted the Library Story Time at the Montello Public Library in mid-September, with the librarians taking over during October. The number of children has increased to 17-18 at each session.

MEMORIALS

A contribution of \$100 was made by Vicki Huffman in memory of **Victor Krueger, Don Claesges, Stephanie Miller-Davis and Joan Pientka**, all strong advocates for literacy.

VIC KRUEGER, FORMER LV-MC TREASURER, DIES

Vic Krueger, LV-MC's former treasurer, passed away August 21, 2010. He was 80 years old. He worked for IBM for 35 years in Milwaukee. After retirement, he and his wife Shirley moved to Montello. He was introduced to LV-MC by Andy Arentz, another of our dedicated volunteers who is no longer with us. We greatly appreciate Vic's contributions.

**Literacy Volunteers – Marquette County
Annual Meeting**

September 9, 2010

Present: Vicki Huffman, LuAnn Ziemann, Kathleen McGwin, Barb Rowe, Barbara Church, Lee Ann Casper, Marjorie Cox Fabian, Mary Faltz, Joan Richardson. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by LuAnn Ziemann.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Barbara C., seconded by Vicki, to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki presented Income vs. Expenses for 2008-09 and 2009-10, and the Transaction Report 7/1/09 through 6/30/10. Contributions for 2009-10 were broken down and explained. Total income for 2009-10 was \$5,075.19. Total expenses were \$4,051.80. Cash Balance on 6/30/10 was \$3,197.14 and CD Balance was \$3,649.44. We are still awaiting the bill for our annual Appreciation Banquet held at Underwood Market. Motion by Barbara C., seconded by Kathleen to file for audit. Motion carried.

Public Relations Committee: Newsletters: 370 mailed 11/14/09; 370 mailed 2/23/10; 368 mailed 5/12/10; 367 mailed 8/30/10. Ads & Articles: Since the last annual meeting there have been 14 ads and/or articles and photos published in the Marquette County Tribune. Topics included LV-MC WI Adult Literacy Conference attendees, new trained tutors, Tots to Teens Book Drive, February hors d'oeuvre fund-raiser, Health Literacy Training, "Kid Stuff" and LV-MC Annual Meeting Announcement. Montello School District Newsletter: Lu Ann needs to check on her contact at the school; email keeps getting returned. International Literacy Day/Month 2010. We have 2 displays in the Montello Public Library. One is on health literacy and one is on the importance of reading to/with children.

Tutor Training Report: 2 1/2 Tutor Trainings have been completed. Kathleen McGwin and Barb Merwin completed Evelyn Renner's Great Start 5 on DVD, which has been sanctioned by WI Literacy, Inc. The training was divided into 2 sessions of 2.5 hours each on October 22 and 29. David King was receiving Independent Tutor Training using Tutor 7 as a text. He met with LuAnn January 7 and 15, but was unable to finish the training because he was transferred to Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Materials Report: LV-MC has received several copies of "Staying Healthy" and "What To Do When Your Child Gets Sick" from WI Literacy. The texts will be used in the Health Literacy Awareness Project in which LV-MC and the Marquette County Health Dept. are partnering.

Audit Report: Emily Roidt conducted the annual audit and reported that the financial books of LV-MC appear to be in orderly fashion.

Program Committee

Fiscal Year Tutoring: 18 volunteers, including 4 tutors, reported a total of 931 hours. This includes 132 direct tutoring hours from 7/1/09 to 6/30/10, an increase of 18 tutoring hours. There was an overall decrease of 166 hours for the year. Four tutors are on hold for lack of students. Volunteers assisted again at both Forest Lane (2) and St. John's Lutheran (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. One student met her goals in Adult Literacy and is now enrolled in MATC's accounting program. Sue Hunter will continue to offer her tutoring help as needed. Kathleen started with an ESL student. That person is currently on hold due to personal reasons. Kathleen will stay in touch with her. Barbara started with an 11-year-old Montello student this summer, and will continue to work with him during his year in 6th grade. No students left the program this year.

Library Story Time at Montello Public Library had a decline in attendance this past year. Judy Schelble decided with Andrea Klapper, Montello's Library Director, to try a different day to try and boost attendance. New Story Time hours are Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

WIC Montello – Both Montello and Westfield now have self-service book carts thanks to Vicki, Lee Ann and LuAnn. Vicki recently refreshed the books available in the Montello cart.

WI Bookworm – HCE has committed to providing 80-90 book sets again next year. Vicki and Pat will be busier than usual preparing activities for each month, with the help of other volunteers.

Kid Stuff – Six LV-MC volunteers again read to children at the Head Start Open House held Aug. 30, or assisted with pre-testing parents/guardians in the new Health Literacy curriculum. Partners were LV-MC, Montello Early Learning Center, UW-Extension Marquette County, Marquette County Health Dept., Human Services, Sheriff's Dept., EMS, and Montello Fire Dept.

Tots to Teens Book Drive – Over 1,500 books were collected for this year's annual Tots to Teens Book Drive, with over 1,300 books given away. Many of the remainder were added to the WIC self-service book carts.

Health Literacy Workshop – Seven LV-MC volunteers, along with 3 Marquette Co. nurses, attended an Aug. 20 Health Literacy workshop on tutoring prospective students using this new curriculum. Grant money was received from Wisconsin Literacy to conduct future classes in conjunction with Head Start's Parent Nights.

OLD BUSINESS

Standing Committees: A few items were reviewed. Karen Jacobi has agreed to be chairman for the Tots to Teens Book Drive. Pat Johnson continues to work with the HCE Bookworm/MELC program and WIC reader coordination. Bette Whitrock will not be coordinating school volunteers because they were not utilized last year, which became frustrating. LuAnn can talk to the elementary teachers to find out what times they need help. Barb R. also suggested that volunteers pick a teacher and go talk to them about their needs and to coordinate times for helping.

Health Literacy Grant: Vicki reported that 48 parents completed the pretest at Head Start's Kid Stuff. They were told that if they attend 3 activity sessions, they will receive the book *What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick.* Presentations will be given at MELC parent info nights on October 14 and December 9. The third session will be scheduled November 18 at the County Services Center. Volunteers who were trained recently will set up individual times to meet with any parents who cannot attend the Nov. 18 session. We need to have 10 people complete the post-test in order to receive our health literacy grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Working Budget for July 2010 through June 2011. The proposed budget includes income of \$4,020 (Contributions & events: \$3,270; Grants: \$500; Membership Dues: \$250). Expenses total \$5,755 (Books, teaching materials, WI Bookworm project: \$2,500; Publicity & Promotion: \$800; Supplies: \$900; Memberships & state fees: \$185; Contracted services, software support: \$450; Insurance: \$220; Tutor training, conferences, travel: \$600; Mileage payments to volunteers: \$100) Under book expenses, Vicki explained that we are almost out of *Read for Joy* books and completely out of *Barnyard Dance* books, which are both given to first-time moms through the Health Department. 150 copies of each will cost around \$1,860. Motion by Lee Ann, seconded by Barbara C. to accept the working budget. Motion carried.

Election of Officers & Board Members. The proposed slate of officers is: President – Vicki Huffman; Vice President – (open); Treasurer – Vicki Huffman; Secretary – Mary Faltz. Board members to be added: Lee Ann Casper (term expiring 2011); Marge Cox-Fabian (term expiring 2011). Past President Lu Ann Zieman will remain on the Board 1 year. Motion by Barbara Church, seconded by Kathleen McGwin to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried. Continuing Board members are: Barbara Church (term expiring 2011), Pat Johnson (term expiring 2012), Judy Schelble (term expiring 2011).

Other Business: Kathleen McGwin asked if the LV-MC would like to make use of a project for which she is working on a proposal. The project would involve making a book picturing her therapy dogs in different areas of Marquette County. She is working with a local teacher to gear the project toward a 4th grade level and will plan to do presentations at the local libraries for their summer reading programs. LuAnn invited Kathleen to keep in touch as the project proposal gets completed.

Motion by Kathleen to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted

by Mary Faltz, Secretary

ACTIVITY PACK SESSIONS

An activity pack session will be held soon at the Montello Public Library. Pat Johnson and Vicki Huffman assembled the first two activities to accompany books provided to Head Start children through HCE's Wisconsin Bookworms™ program.

Look for an e-mail announcing the date and time for our next session. If you aren't on the e-mail list for notification and would like to be, please contact Vicki Huffman at vjhawk@mwwb.net or 297-8900.



Welcome to

NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR WI LITERACY INC

Georgia Lieber, the new Southwest/South Central Regional Literacy Consultant at Wisconsin Literacy, met with LuAnn Zieman, Barbara Church and Vicki Huffman at the Montello Public Library on October 15, 2010. Various literacy issues were discussed, including the Health Literacy Grant. We welcome Georgia and look forward to working with her.

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 \$10 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 \$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

**12TH ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRE
BUFFET LITERACY FUNDRAISER
at Mekan River Outfitters will be
held Thursday, February 3 from 5
to 8 p.m.** Watch the Marquette County
Tribune for more details closer to the event!

Any individuals or businesses
interested in funding "Read For
Joy!"—a book given to all 1st-time
mothers in Marquette County—
please contact LV-MC at 608-
297-8900 or vjhawk@mwwb.net.

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promoting increased literacy and lifelong learning in
Marquette County, Wisconsin. We encourage and
aid individuals through public awareness and through
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