

**The Book Club of Grosse Ile  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Annual Meeting April 16, 2021**

Board Members Present: Chris Dowhan-Bailey, Kathy Campbell, Katie Hartwell, Leigh Krauss, Judy Ventro

Election of new slate was done using the Zoom polling feature and board positions were approved.

**Your 2021-2022 Board Members are.**

President	Katie Hartwell
Vice President	Robin Brown
Secretary	Judy Ventro *
Treasurer	Ilona Macek
Programs	Kathy Campbell
Book Selection	Jill Craig
Co-hospitality	Leigh Krauss
Co-hospitality	Darlene Glowczewski *
Book Discussion	Leigh Krauss
Circulation	TBD
Past president	Chris Dowhan-Bailey

\*New to the Board

President, Katie Hartwell opened the meeting with discussion on a whirlwind year that forced us to adapt and make changes in the midst of a global pandemic. Acknowledgment and appreciation were given to current and departing board members. Circulation chair Beth Brick has stepped down. Beth did a fabulous job with circulation and area coordinators did a wonderful job getting our new year off to a great start. Sue Pizzimenti has passed the secretary baton but her legacy lives on in the wonderful website she created and willingness to continue updates for the book club.

Thanks to Leigh Krauss for her outstanding efforts in moving the group into the world of Zoom meetings and keeping current in these trying times.

**Presentation and Guest speaker introduced by Kathy Campbell**

24 members logged on for an enlightening and informative Zoom Presentation by Elizabeth Clemens from the Reuther Library at Wayne State University. Her discussion focused on the New Deal stimulus program WPA (Works Progress Administration) of the Great Depression. After some minor technical difficulty, the program got underway. The presentation highlighted many of the work programs that provided jobs and improvements in our region. Highlights still notable today, included Belle Isle, the Detroit Zoo, Trenton viaduct, roads, schools, parks and playgrounds built in the area during the Great Depression. Our own Helen Morrison had recollections of meeting Eleanor Roosevelt during this time.

**Upcoming Events** Our Spring Outing is Wednesday, May 12, and is limited to 25 members and guests. Members are strongly encouraged to RSVP and return payment as soon as the invitation is received via US mail. Members will drive to Dossin Great Lakes Museum for a

private tour and lunch will follow at the Detroit Yacht Club. Car pooling may be in order if members can do so safely.

### **Fall Book Discussion**

Leigh Krauss shared that THIS TENDER LAND by William Kent Krueger will be the topic of discussion. "Lincoln School is a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. Forced to flee, four orphans embark on a life-changing odyssey over inner and outer terrain toward wisdom and freedom." Add this to your reading list if you missed reading it and join us in the fall!

### **Discussion/business**

Annual committee reports were presented and will be posted to website.

### **Book Club Scholarship**

The book club continues work to create and award a \$250 scholarship to a graduating senior. President, Katie Hartwell has been working with the high school in choosing a student from the English Department to receive our \$250 scholarship. She wrote the application and a panel of teachers and counselors will make the decisions for the local scholarships. They will notify us in mid May who our recipient will be.

### **Book Passing and Sanitizing**

Katie presented the question if we need to continue the sterilization and sealing of books before passing? Can we go back to the Kroger shopping bag approach since current research suggests we may not be at risk of passing the old way? The board agreed that members could contact the person they are passing to for their preference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Ventro  
Secretary