

**The Book Club of Grosse Ile
Board Meeting**

November 10 Zoom meeting at 7 PM

Present: Robin Brown, Jill Craig, Chris Dowhan-Bailey, Darlene Glowczewski, Lynda Gluch, Katie Hartwell, Leigh Krauss, Ilona Macek, Judy Ventro, Trish Widger

Meeting called to order by Katie Hartwell at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes of the August 10 meeting. Motion by Leigh Krauss, second by Katie Hartwell. All approved.

Katie opened the meeting with the sad news of Helen Morrison's passing. Helen was a long-time member and former president of the book club and was an inspiring example of aging with grace while remaining cheerful and uplifting into her 90's. If you knew her you will miss her.

Ilona -Treasurer report

Balance is \$9176.66, reimbursement checks are in progress for expenditures submitted by board members and committees.

Katie—President report.

Katie will be in Hawaii from Dec1 to January 13 to visit new grandson and is working hard to put things into place for circulation and welcoming 5 new book club members after January 14th and looking at status of February dinner meeting.

New member welcome- Coffee or wine at Katie' house or somewhere else. Third week of January, tentative for Jan. 18th. Explain book passing. Ideas are an intimate gathering at Katie's with a few board members and an orientation on how the club works. We may utilize a power point presentation from a previous new member gathering. Leigh can bring laptop for this. Chris Dowhan-Bailey added that since covid forced the new member event to be on Zoom last year those members might be included as well. This is to be determined depending on location and size of group (adding 2021 new members is potentially 9 more people) covid is still a concern. Trish added that some folks are not following the passing schedule, we need to stress in the new member meeting to follow the passing schedule at the back of the book. (NOTE THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO OMICRON)

Robin- Vice President: Report on Tobin Buhk meeting. Robin received good feedback from attendees and hospitality did a wonderful job with decorations and refreshments! Thanks to all who contributed.

Annual Spring Outing for mid-May . A much anticipated visit to the new Detroit River International Wildlife refuge and gateway grounds with a tour of the John Dingell Jr. Visitor Center. Lunch will follow at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club. Discussed allowing early access to lunch if members are not able to spend time on the grounds. Details and pricing to be announced. Robin is working hard on great ideas for events and programs for fall of 2022 and beyond!

Judy- Secretary report

Current data base shows 63 passing members.

Our 5 new members are:

Jackie DaBrowa, referred by Sue Pizzimenti

Elizabeth Fiertag, referred by Diane Ledbetter

Kathy Kadau, former member and friend of Leigh and Judy

Jeanne Krukowski, Katie's sister-in-law

Carol Sims, (former librarian) friend of Courtney Solenberger McNeil

2021 members not renewing at this time.

Beth Brick

Nancy Beaudry

Robin Mann

Donna Serement

Jill -Book selection—report on books chosen. 20 titles have been chosen and a few extra in case passing members are above 60. Books will be ordered around the end of December for an early January delivery to Lynda VanEngelen . The committee worked hard on selecting books for the new passing year.

Circulation—Ad hoc committee met to tackle circulation on November 15. No book passers will be added after that date! Lynda Gluch has consented to help. Lynda Van Engelen will be there. Katie Chambers has agreed to do all the circulation slips at the back of the books. Lynda Gluch wondered if current passing schedule could be tweaked depending on boundaries and number of people passing in each group. Katie found a program to help with mapping and creating passing schedules. Robin has the materials to wrap books and has offered to show how this done. Judy offered to help wrapping if extra hands are needed

Leigh and Darlene –Hospitality

Hospitality did a great job on the October event featuring Tobin Buhk with refreshments and decorations. Thanks to all who contributed the festive decorations!

Leigh and Darlene have a lovely invitation drafted for the February 18th dinner and presentation at the Country club. Members will return a tear off portion with their dinner choice and payment to RSVP. The dinner price is around \$25.

Table decorations are planned to compliment speaker Frances Trix's writing of Growing up on Grosse Ile. Guests will be allowed, there will be no advertising for this event. Leigh and Darlene will both be out of town so we will band together to get this set up and make it a wonderful event.

Leigh--Book discussion. March 18 Decide on the book and/or leader. Leigh suggested that if Chris Chambers agrees to lead the book discussion we will ask her input on title. Members agreed this was a great idea.

Stand out titles are.

Lady in Waiting,

Night Watchmen

Smallest Light in the Universe - Stay tuned!

Old business- no old business

New business

Scholarship. Katie will work with the high school counseling dept. and will write the application. Katie suggested we name the scholarship in honor/memory of both Helen Morrison and Kathy Pachota, past presidents of the book club, all board members agreed with the idea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Ventro,
Secretary