

The Book Club of Grosse Ile  
Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2020

Attendees - Katie Hartwell, Chris Dowhan-Bailey, Jill Craig, Ilona Macek, Robin Brown, Sue Pizzimenti, Kathy Campbell, Beth Brick, Lynda Gluch, Leigh Krauss

Motion to approve minutes of April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting - Chris. 2nd - Beth. Motion passed.

A. President report

1. Acknowledge our new board approved May 8

President-Katie Hartwell

VP - Robin Brown

Secretary- Sue Pizzimenti

Treasurer- Ilona Macek

Programs- Kathy Campbell

Book Selection- Jill Craig

Hospitality-Leigh Krauss and Lynda Gluch

Book Discussion-Leigh Krauss

Circulation-Beth Brick

Past President - Chris Dowhan-Bailey

2. Additional members of each committee - Programs - Trisha Widger & Robin Brown, Book Selection - Vicki DesJardins, Terry Hunter, Julie Matthews, Circulation - Michael Glover, Robin Brown

B. Secretary's report Sue

1. Membership Report: Active Members - 63, one resignation (Wendy Kiblawi), Associate - 16, Honorary - 3

2. Website report - Website has been updated with new board info and minutes.

C. Vice President report - Robin will inquire with Dossin Museum if we can reserve for the Spring Outing without deposit. Concern whether we will be able to have programs, dinner, spring outing due to Covid. Katie still has connection for DYC for lunch if we schedule this event.

D. Treasurers report - Ilona is working on finalizing treasurer's report. Discussion about savings from cancelled events/programs this year. Savings are about \$10 per member.

Committees

E. Circulation Beth - 13 members are not passing books (out of 63 Active).

There were some issues with restart and getting books to right members on June 1st but all have been resolved. Beth is working on finding an automated way to print the bookplate instead of hand writing each slip.

F. Programs Kathy. Uncertain if we'll be able to have programs this year. Kathy will ask Suzanne Dalton if she would do a Zoom meeting (for October meeting) and look for other speakers that may do Zoom meetings. The Committee will continue to look into new programs and new ways of having programs for our members. It was agreed that we will not promote our meetings to the public this year. Guests of members are welcome.

G. Book Discussions Leigh. Discussion of Educated will be rescheduled from the March 2020 meeting to the September 18th meeting with Robin Brown as leader. Venue TBD. For the Spring book discussion, Leigh will get consensus from the board on a book from the current 2019-2020 book list.

H. Book Selection. Jill and committee are continuing to read books for possible selection and comparing notes as they go along. The committee will meet in September to agree on final selections.

I Hospitality Leigh and Lynda. Planning will be ongoing as we determine whether we can have meetings going forward. Discussion - possible use of Hickory Island Pavilion, church sanctuaries, etc. for future social distanced meetings.

J. Annual Meeting. September 18 1 PM . Location? Hickory Island Pavilion? It was agreed that the September meeting should be a face to face meeting with an annual report from each committee. The event for this meeting will be book discussion of Educated. The Pavilion is a possible site, but logistics need to be worked out for members who may have difficulty walking from parking to the pavilion, Katie Hartwell will ask Kate Hartwell about reserving the pavilion and find out about possible golf cart usage for transportation as needed. Packaged refreshments? Small cans of pop. Bags of chips. Ice cream? - TBD

Also for annual meeting. Katie and Chris are working on updating by laws.

#### Old Business

1. Drop dead date for new members to be included in circulation. Sub committee suggested October 1 as in bylaws. Group discussion. Agreed that December 1st will be absolute cut-off. Dues will be due by November 15th. Email reminder will be sent November 15th and Circulation Committee members will assist with follow-up. Jill stated books can be ordered late Jan/Early Feb with quick shipment from Amazon. Beth stated wrapping books etc. can be done in that time frame.
2. How much should 2020 dues be? Should the approximately \$550 not spent because of the Stay at Home order be refunded to active members?

Motion proposed by Chris - Renewing members for 2020-2021 year will be charged reduced rate of \$40 due to Covid-19. Associate member will be charged \$15 instead of \$25. Renewal form will state this is rebate due to Covid/cancelled programs. 2nd - Beth. Motion approved. New renewal and new member forms will be created.

#### New business

1. Katie proposed and Chris seconded a motion to provide an annual scholarship to be awarded in the spring to a Grosse Ile High School graduating senior who is a high achiever in English and Literature. The scholarship amount will be \$250. Motion approved following discussion on whether student need apply or be selected, merit and/or need based, selected by counselor and department head. Katie Hartwell will ask Julie Matthews to help with setting up parameters. Chris recommended naming the scholarship The Grosse Ile Book Club Scholarship in honor of Hartwell, Krauss and Macek, who have given much time over many years to the book club.
2. Zoom account. \$15 /month to month or \$150 per year. Chris made a motion and Beth seconded the motion to subscribe to Zoom for the book club. Following discussion, the group agreed that Katie, Chris and Kathy (who will look into possibly using Library service) are authorized decide and to move forward with either month to month or annual subscription.
3. Portable microphone with speaker for larger spaces for our gatherings. Cost on Amazon is approximately \$130. The group agreed that this is a good idea. Kathy will investigate further. Decision deferred to August board meeting.

#### General Comments

1. Beth Brick spoke with the person renting the Colony Clubhouse. The Colony will charge only \$25 for the New Member Meeting in January if we want to have it there, since we are a non-profit group.
2. The September meetings have been good for recruiting new members.
3. Chris commented that we need to have programs to keep our membership numbers and keep members involved in the club. We need to continue to look at new ways to have programs in the current environment.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by Sue Pizzimenti