

The Book Club of Grosse Ile Minutes for August 14, 2020 meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. Approval of minutes of June 26, 2020 meeting - Motion by Chris, Second by Leigh, motion carried.

President's report - Katie

Discussion about whether we can put together a booklet about our dates or is the situation too volatile? - Agreed that we should map out the programs for the year and announce in President's letter, but all plans will be tentative. No card for programs will be printed.

President's letter will be by email this year. All members have provided an email address. The letter will be posted on the website with a follow up email to indicate that the information is posted, in case anyone missed the email.

We will know who wants to circulate by renewal slips as people sign up to be Active or Associate members.

Secretary's report - Sue

Website - continues to be updated as new information available to post.

Membership report - no change.

Sue will work up new dues form with New or Renewal check box. We'll also ask members to check off whether there is new address, email or phone information. We'll also note rate for renewing members with rebate of \$10. New member fee will remain \$50/\$25. The form will be reviewed with Katie H and included with President's letter email.

Vice President's report - Robin

Spring trip plans. Spring trip will be Wednesday May 12th at 10:30 Dossin Museum. Payment is due to museum two weeks before the trip. Katie H is still in touch with NYC member so we could have lunch if Covid situation allows.

Treasurer's report - Ilona

\$7497.41 balance

Overview of 2019-2020 year provided.

Received treasurer's report for the 2019-2020 season.

Budget for this coming year was also discussed.

Committees

Circulation - Beth

Book passing is going well with no current issues and few calls from members.

We will know who plans to pass books this year based on whether they renew as active members.

Programs - Kathy

Suzanne Dalton was contacted. She is not interested in doing Zoom meeting. She would present at the Presbyterian Church with masks and social distancing, which we are not currently permitted to do with Governor's order.

Kathy mentioned that John Hartig might be a good speaker for the February dinner meeting. He published a new book about restoring the Detroit riverfront. (Book title is Waterfront Porch: Reclaiming Detroit's Industrial Waterfront as a Gathering Place for All.) He was a Fish and Wildlife Executive whose career has been Great Lakes and surrounding rivers.

Program dates:

September 18th - Hickory Island Pavillion is no longer available until gathering rules change. Options are tent at GIGCC, Pavilion at Centennial Farm, Water's Edge Pavilion. Zoom call at 1 pm. Friday 8/21 to decide location and event - book discussion or speaker. This will be the annual meeting.

October 16th meeting. 1:00 p.m. Speaker or book discussion, pending Sept meeting.

January new member meeting - Thursday, January 7th, at The Colony Clubhouse

February Dinner - February 19th

March 19th - Book Discussion 1:00 p.m.

April Annual Meeting - April 16th 1:00 p.m.

May 12th - Spring Outing to Dossin Museum and Lunch at DYC

It was suggested that the author of The World According to Fannie Davis might be contacted for a Zoom speaker meeting. The book takes place in Detroit and the author lives in NYC.

Zoom discussion. \$15 per month or \$150 per year. Katie recommends we sign up for Zoom for the full year at \$150. Leigh will be the Zoom keeper. Katie has researched more about Zoom and has learned that you sign up as Webinar on Zoom if you want to have a speaker. Leigh will sign us up for Zoom meeting and submit the bill to Ilona.

Portable PA system - Kathy Campbell was authorized in last meeting to secure a system for \$140. Must be battery operated, bluetooth, option of headset/lavaliere or microphone. Further research - we may need to spend more than \$140. Kathy will go to Best Buy and research. Sue made a motion to authorize up to \$200, Katie H seconded. Motion carried.

Book discussions - Leigh Krauss

September 18th 1-3pm. Robin will book the GIGCC at a maximum fee of \$100. Zoom meeting 8/21 at 1 pm to determine programs for Sept and October.

There is no-one available from the Trenton Library staff to lead book discussions due to skeleton crew. Leigh will contact Chris Chambers to see if she would lead a discussion again. Flora Case might also be available, in addition to Robin Brown.

What would be our second book for discussion? Suggestions - When All Has Said, and This Tender Land. Leigh will bring up at the next meeting, when we've all read more books from this year's selections.

Book Selection report - Jill

Book selection is going well.

Hospitality - Lynda and Leigh

Annual Meeting September 18. Governor's orders for only 10 indoors until September 4. Hickory will not allow more than 10 with the current orders.

Old Business

Scholarship. More discussion on what we would like to do. What is our goal in donating it? Combination need and merit.

Julie Matthews will chair. For various groups, a package is available through the counselor and students seek out scholarships. Julie will look at applications from Musicales or Garden Club and come up with recommended application for us.

New business

By-Laws changes proposed by Chris and Katie were discussed. Sue motioned for board approval and submission for member vote at annual meeting. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Pizzimenti