

Book Club of Grosse Ile Minutes

August 19, 2019

In attendance: Christine Dowhan-Bailey, Flora Case, Ilona Macek, Robin Brown, Kathy Campbell, Sue Pizzimenti

1. President's report:

- a. Hospitality update-Kate and Wendy secured St. James and food for 9/20. St. James is allowing us to use the space for no charge. Missy Misko has been hired to cater the event - light refreshments. Cost approximately \$117.
- b. Spring trip update-Katie booked the Dossin Museum on Belle Isle for Wednesday, 5/13 for a private tour followed by lunch at the Detroit Yacht Club. Cost will be \$175 for the private tour.
- c. Items for President's letter-2019-2020 program details, membership renewal with emphasis on cell phone numbers, date for new member orientation. Letter to be sent the first week of September. Sue to create list of names and addresses for printing labels. Chris will add to letter a plan for meet and greet with new members. Chris will have a draft of member letter for new members to review at November meeting. She will also add that membership is invited to attend board meetings. The bookmark needs to be ready at the new member meeting and given to Circulation Committee prior to book distribution. Also the Member Directory will be given to members with the first book at the February meeting. Due date will be added to the Membership renewal form (October 30th).

2. Secretary's report:

- a. Minutes of the June 17th meeting were approved. Minutes of board meetings will be posted on the website.
- b. Website discussion. Problem with current website is lack of private area for member directory, difficulty in easily finding the content one is looking for. Comments made that we owe members more value in terms of information, cost per member would be \$5-\$7. Decision tabled until later in the year.
- c. Changes to membership (adds and losses). 58 active members. Lost one active member who resigned. 14 Associate Members - one new member, Darlene Glowczewski. One request to be added to Sept mailing, Kathi Rito. There is also a new member replacing a member that moved to Associate status. Lynda VanEngelen found a replacement member.
- d. Sue to see if she can print labels for September mailing.

3. Treasurer's report:

- a. Update on finances. As of July 31st, we have \$6224.64 in our account. The next expense will be our PO Box rental fee of \$96. Discussed whether to keep PO Box. Decision made to keep the box for the sake of continuity. There will also be mailing and printing fees in September. \$100 to be paid to DIA for donation for September meeting, along with refreshments for meeting of \$117.
- b. Develop annual budget. Per our bylaws, we are to provide membership with budget at annual meeting. Assignment - each committee chair to send proposed budget for their committee to Ilona prior to November meeting. This will be agenda item for November meeting.

4. Committees:

a. Programs:

1(a). speakers and dates- 9/20 (1:00 PM) St. James Church. Flyers posted and announcement arranged for GI Grand. Lea Schelke, docent at DIA, will be speaker. \$100 donation

2/21 (6:00 PM) author of Beautiful Music, Michael Zadoorian- Grosse Ile CC; confirmed - fee will be \$300.

4/17 (1:00 PM) St. James Church. Suzanne Dalton, author of A Year Lost, A Life Gained, will be the speaker. Contract form to be signed.

2(a). publicity. Robin has made up flyer for Sept. meeting. She also requested flyer to be posted on Grosse Ile Connect, Facebook, and Cable. Chris would like to have full on publicity for Michael Zadoorian at the February meeting.

3. Flora shared information about Michigan authors who were displaying books at the Muskegon Book Fair. Also, Chris mentioned that John Hartig is a local author and Detroit River expert who might be available as a speaker. Also, John Wukovits is a local author who has a new book coming out (Hell From the Heavens), which is about WWII, and will be made into a movie.

5. Book discussions:

- a. October 18 (1:00 PM)- Chris Chambers will lead discussion of The Marsh King's Daughter at Chris D-Bailey's home.
- b. March 20, 2020- Robin Brown will lead discussion of Educated at the Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church at 1:00 p.m. The church will not charge a fee.
Note: Change in church location.

6. Circulation:

- a. Resolution of failure of member to pass books - Member moved to Associate status. New member replaced her in circulation.
7. Book selection- they are reading.
8. Hospitality:
 - a. 9/20 meeting with speaker; Kate Hartwell and Wendy Kiblawi
 - b. 10/18 book discussion; Martha Butler and Donna Boldrick
 - c. 2/21 dinner with speaker; Chris Chambers and Lynda Gluch
 - d. 3/20 book discussion; Martha Butler and Donna Boldrick
 - e. 4/17 annual meeting with speaker. Kate Hartwell and Wendy Kiblawi
9. Old business. Need Hospitality Committee chair(s) and VP to take over next Spring.
10. New business
 - a. Chris to review how to make changes to bylaws to add Book Discussion Chair to be a Board position.
11. Next meeting date: November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Chris D-Bailey's home. Review annual meeting preparation, membership update, plan meet and greet for new members.