

THE BOOK CLUB OF GROSSE ILE
November 11, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris D-Bailey, Ilona Macek, Kathy Campbell, Beth Brick, Robin Brown, Michael Glover, Lynda Gluch

I. President and Vice-President's report:

The Board reviewed and approved a draft letter for new members which will be mailed in early December. The letter will also be emailed to the general membership and posted on the website. Included in the letter is an invitation to a "meet and greet" in January as well as an overview of the nuts and bolts of how the club functions.

The new members meeting will be a cocktail hour from 6:30-8:00 PM on January 9th at the Colony Club House. (after the meeting, Beth Brick confirmed the January 9th date and advised the cost of \$50 for room rental, which was approved by the Board). The Board will attend and provide light refreshments and beverages. The circulation committee will personally contact new members to verbally welcome them and offer transportation to the event.

The January President's letter will include the following: February 21st dinner details and RSVP insert with a February 7th deadline; Book distribution details including circulation and membership list inserts.

The arrangements for the May 13th spring trip to the Dossin Museum followed by lunch at the Detroit Yacht Club are in place. Payment for the event will be handled separately from payment for the February dinner.

Budget estimate - \$400.00 (printing, collating, postage, bookmarks, cutting tented cards, stationery, envelopes)

II. Secretary's report:

The club has 61 active members, 3 more than last year (6 are new), 14 associate members (4 new), and 3 honorary members. Most members provided mobile phone numbers.

The August meeting minutes were read and approved.

Budget Estimate: \$90.00 (website)

III. Treasurer's report:

Expenditures for September - \$613.43 (DIA 9/20 speaker donation of \$100; 2 years of website @\$175.95; September letter costs @ \$131.48; 9/20 meeting hospitality @ \$206.00).

Dues receipts for October - \$2650.00.

November expenditures - TBD (10/18 book discussion hospitality) and dues receipts \$750.

Annual expenditures for 2018-19 closely matched dues income for the same period.

Budget estimate - \$100.00 for P.O. Box.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Programs:

The Board discussed publicity for the February 21st dinner meeting. Kathy C. will investigate copyright issues for posters as well as references to Corvettes, the Grande ballroom, etc.. The board brainstormed locations for promotional material such as libraries, CVS, and the Grosse Ile website. Kathy plans to provide press releases to local papers in December for January publications. She also ordered 25 copies of Beautiful Music to offer for sale and signing by the author at the dinner. She may also order other titles by Michael Zadoorian. Chris will check with Leigh K. regarding publicity on Facebook.

The speaker and arrangements for the April 17th meeting at St. James Episcopal church are set.

The Board discussed potential future speakers including a Trenton author well known for his WWII books and Trish Flavin (former owner of Trish's Boutique) who gives readings of her poetry.

Budget estimate - \$1000.00 for speakers.

B. Book Discussions:

Chris Chambers expertly led us through the difficult terrain of The Marsh King's Daughter at the 10/18 discussion. The Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church Green Room was perfect for our group of approximately 25. Several new members attended and contributed ideas.

We will return to the Green Room for the March 20th discussion of Educated with Robin Brown as the leader.

Budget estimate - \$200.00.

C. Circulation:

The committee will meet in January to prepare the new books for 2020-21 circulation. Beth will receive the book order and is coordinating with Jill C. to obtain the new book lists. The circulation pattern will be the same as last year.

Some circulation issues occurred, but they have been resolved quickly. The committee constantly learns from problems and suggests the process improvements. It recommends that we emphasize the importance of the circulation list provided in members' books at the February dinner. Everyone should check off each book on the list as it is received. That will help us identify missing or late books immediately. Passing more than 1 book at a time can create confusion.

Books pass every two weeks with the exception of March, July, November, and December when they are held for one month.

Budget estimate - \$150 (book wrapping materials)

D. Book Selection:

The committee is nearly done selecting books for 2020-21.

The Board recommends that the committee seek feedback from the membership on the recent lists.

Budget estimate: \$1150.00

E. Hospitality:

The food for the 9/20 meeting was delicious and the table looked beautiful. We may be able to reduce the amount and still serve everyone. Ordering some items from Missy Misko was a great decision. The committee contributed desserts.

The food for the 10/18 book discussion was also excellent (also used Missy Misko. The committee provided desserts. We may be able to reduce the amount of food for the next discussion.

Lynda Gluch and Chris Chambers have the February dinner well in hand. The menu selections will be the same as last year and will cost \$1 more. RSVP's and checks must be submitted to the P.O. Box by February 7th. The GIGCC is holding the ballroom and dining room for us. We may have to limit the number of attendees if the response is strong. Chris and Lynda hope to repeat the colors of the book cover in the decorations. There may be live music during the cocktail hour. The cocktail hour, registration, and book distribution will take place from 6:00 until 6:30 PM. The greeting and announcements are scheduled for 6:30, and dinner will follow at 6:45. Mr. Zadoorian will speak after dinner. Tables will be needed for registration, book and book signing. We also need a podium, microphone, and projector.

Martha Butler and Donna Boldrick will handle the March 20th book discussion.

Wendy Kiblawi and Kate Hartwell will host the April 17th annual meeting.

Budget estimate: \$600.00 (\$175.00 each for 2 meetings; \$125.00 each for 2 discussions.

V. New Business:

- A. Slate for annual meeting: We need to fill the Vice-President's position in April.
- B. By-law changes- need to add Program Chair and Book Discussion Chair officially to the Board.
- C. Next meeting date: TBD in January.

