Minutes Sept. 8, 2020

Pat Hubbard called the meeting to order. Those present: Rosita White, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Sue Johnson, Mali Thomas, Pat Hubbard, Emily Clare and Jeanette Mateer.

Secretary’s Report: Jeanette read the report and several noticed that the newsletter did not include the last two paragraphs of the minutes. The missing text will be included in the November newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report: The cart of books for sale by the checkout desk is working well. Gwen is restocking it with books from the Book Nook and over $200 has been generated from these sales.

Membership and Newsletter: Gwen is tracking membership as she receives checks, forwarding address and mail preferences to Jeanette for newsletter distribution.

Director’s Report: In Mark’s absence, Emily reported that the library’s receipt of penal fines ($90,000) exceeded Mark’s expectations.

Program Director’s Report: While the library has been unable to schedule programming, Emily has been listing donated books of value for sale on Amazon. There is a children’s program tentatively scheduled for October 20 but featuring this magician will depend on virus restrictions in place prior to the event.

Our group discussed various ways to engage the community in the library or books while physical limitations are in place. Zoom book talks of new books, sharing favorite titles, staff picks listed in the newsletter were suggestions. We decided to wait until November to discuss the Gift of Reading and the Santa book gift program.

Old Business (none)/New Business: Although the summer special events normally sponsored by the Friends had to be cancelled, Emily reported spending about $100 to organize the prizes to those who participated in the reading challenges. Rosita proposed and Mali supported a motion to reimburse $100 to the library to cover these expenses. Motion carried.

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Pat Hubbard shared information on a program at Bishop Baraga to provide children with a book a month for a $9 donation for the year. Anyone wishing to sponsor a child can contact Mrs. Budzinski at Bishop Baraga.

Emily will arrange for our November meeting to be held downstairs at the library on November 10th.

Mary Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 with Rosita supporting. Motion carried.

July Minutes Correction

Deleted Paragraphs

Old Business: Approximately 75 books were distributed during the December Santa program. Rosita and Mickey reported having it in the gallery worked well and Mr. and Mrs. Santa were excellent.

New Business: Although the Library auditor recommends the Friends acquire a 502 ©(3), those present decided at our present size and activity level, this is not an expense we need to incur.

Election of Officers: As the office of Treasurer remains with Gwen as long as she wishes to continue and we have been without a secretary for several cycles, Jeanette volunteered to take this role. Gwen is maintaining membership information as checks are received and Mateer’s will maintain both email and snail mail information for distribution of mailings including newsletters.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 1 pm – to be held in the Children’s Garden of the library. Please bring a chair.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

Fall Meeting

Will be held on November 10, 2020 (1:00 pm) at the old Carnegie library, 416 W Elm St.

Chairs will be arranged for maximum distancing.

Please, wear a mask.
Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm for the Library of Things collection! It has been a bit hit! If you have not yet checked it out, there are lots of games and art stamps to choose from, plus some cooking tools (cake pop and bread makers) and musical instruments (ukuleles)! Now is a great time to start creating some holiday cards to send to family and friends! There are lots of options of holiday themed rubber stamps as well as stamp pad and art pen colors to make the cards or gifts special!

Speaking of fun projects – the Library’s take home projects for kids have also received a great response! Lots more fun is on the way too! Throughout November, the Library will have turkey-themed weekly take-home projects! December will bring some fun and interactive elf, Santa, and snowflake projects, one for each week! And calling all Teens! We are working on some cool take-home projects for you too, including artsy tiles, beaded snowflake ornaments, creative tic-tac-toe game sets, inspirational magnets, and so on!

These projects are all free and we try to put all the supplies (or as much as we can) together with the project so it is ready to go! The projects will be available on a first come first served basis. They will be set up in the lobby so you can pick one up whenever you visit the Library. If you need, we can also deliver them curbside. Again, there will be a new project available each week during November and December and the new projects will be put out on Mondays.

And for you adults, a Christmas and winter themed quilt show is coming to Cheboygan Area Public Library! And we need your help! If anyone is interested in having their quilt displayed, they are welcome to drop it off at the Library anytime between now and the end of November. All the quilts will be on display throughout the main library during the month of December for the community to view them! After the show concludes, the quilts will be promptly returned to their owners with the Library’s thanks. We look forward to seeing all your festive quilts!

Need some genealogy research help? We have a dedicated group from the Cheboygan County Genealogical Society that visits most Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and they would be happy to help answer your questions. No appointment is needed but if you would like to contact them, feel free to email them at lahaie.fhistory@yahoo.com.

Just as a reminder, the Library continues to offer wireless internet and it can be accessed outside of the building as well as inside. Parking on Ball Street by the Children’s Garden offers a good connection to most users. All you do is choose the “Cheboygan Public Library” network and use the WIFI password “cheboygan”.

Also, the Cheboygan Area Public Library Board of Trustees continues to monitor the safety protocols issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in order to offer the best and safest possible experience in the Library. With that in mind, the new “normal” is as follows:

- The Cheboygan Area Public Library is still under capacity restrictions which allow up to twenty patrons at a time to visit the Library for up to one hour.
- All returned items are still put into quarantine for one week before being returned to the shelves.
- Wearing a face covering/mask is required of staff and visiting patrons while in the building, to be worn over both mouth and nose at all times.
- If patrons are unable to or do not wish to enter the Library, Curbside Services are still available anytime. Just call when you arrive and let us know what you need, and we will bring it right to your car.
- The Library’s current hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that Curbside Services are available every day, but Sundays are Curbside Service only (no indoor service).

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The CAPL would like to show off your Christmas and winter quilts in December! Quilts will be on display in the main library. After the show, the quilts will be returned with the Library’s sincerest gratitude. If anyone is interested in having their quilt displayed, they are welcome to drop it off at the Library between now and the end of November. Registration forms will be available at the front desk. Anyone loaning a quilt will need to fill one out.

We are looking for ways we can help our community. Cheboygan Economic Development Corporations (EDC) has partnered with Connected Nation to facilitate the “Connected Community Engagement Program.” Connected Nation is a non-profit that works with communities to help develop and implement solutions to broadband and digital technology gaps.

The Connected Community Engagement Program will help address the technology needs of Cheboygan County by evaluating what is currently available, what can be brought to the community, and what actions need to be taken to develop the best technology plan to suit the community’s needs.

The “Connected Community” program has created a survey that will help them plan their strategy. This survey is open to residents, business owners, government and public safety leaders, heads of educational and health institutions, and organization managers. To take the survey, visit www.myconnect-edcommunity.org/cheboygan-county.

And to learn more about this program or what the Cheboygan EDC is accomplishing, contact EDC president Sharen Lange at sharen.lange@gmail.com.

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Some well-known authors with thrilling works include Anne Rice (the Vampire Chronicles), Neil Gaiman (Sandman), H.P. Lovecraft (The Call of Cthulhu), Dean Koontz (Odd Thomas and Frankenstein Series), Peter Straub (Ghost Story), Jonathan Maberry (Patient Zero), Mylo Carbia (Violets are Red), Ray Bradbury (Something Wicked This Way Comes), and Thomas Harris (Silence of the Lambs), among many others.

Some classics – Edgar Allan Poe (Cask of Amontillado), Mary Shelley (Frankenstein), H.G. Wells (Island of Doctor Moreau), Robert Louis Stevenson (Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde) and Bram Stoker (Dracula).

Spooky tales for the young readers? There’s “The Graveyard Book” by Neil Gaiman; “The Witches” by Roald Dahl; “Room on the Broom” by Julia Donaldson; the “Goosebumps” series by R.L. Stine; the “Chillers” series by Jonathan Rand; “Bunnicula” by Deborrah and James Howe, “Ghosts” by Raina Telgemeier; and “Pumpkin Soup” by Helen Cooper.

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