# Friends' of Cheboygan Area Public Library

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April 2022

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#### Minutes November 9, 2021

Sue Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Those attending: Gwen Kuehn, Rosita White, Mickey Martlock, Mark Bronson, Connie Surabian, Mali Thomas, Jeanette Mateer, Mary Ellen Sheridan.

The minutes of the Sept. meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Mark said his picture caption should have credited the library as the award recipient rather than him.

Gwen shared the Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$5,948.99.

Jeanette reported two renewals as the only changes in membership and invited members to submit articles for the newsletter.

Book Nook: Gwen mentioned lack of interest in music cd's. The collection will be put on sale and then eliminated after the first of the year.

In his Director's Report, Mark provided updates on building and grounds maintenance.

The library foundation ended its year September 30 with a balance of \$395,000.00. A large part of this increase is due to Linda Neuss's bequest.

The library board now has a full complement of members with Bruce Gauthier representing the city and Nadene Delana Aloha Township.

Overdrive Advantage gives our patrons advantage in the queue for books our library has purchased for the program. (Friends have given Mark \$1,500 .00 for this program as he will no longer be subscribing to Flipster).

Audio books are being weeded from the collection as patrons move to audible downloads from Libby or Overdrive. Some have been donated to Medilodge and some may be offered in the Book Nook.

Mark also shared Emily's information about library programs. Lori Cleland and the magician were well attended. About 50 Make and Take kits are going out each week and 15 teens have signed up for Take and Read kits.

December 1 will be Santa's visit. Gwen will be ordering more board books to distribute to younger children. Mary Ellen made a motion to authorize \$200.00 to \$300.00 dollars, Mali supported and the motion passed. Volunteers for the evening include Sue, Connie, Janet Jones, and Jeanette.

Rosita made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to Overdrive Advantage. Jeanette supported and the motion was approved.

Following a discussion of having a cart of books for sale by the Circulation Desk, Mary Ellen volunteered to help keep a cart stocked. This will be a trial to see if having books available upstairs affects sales in the Book Nook.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Next meeting: April 12, 2022

## What Are You Reading?

If you have titles to suggest, please think about sharing. (jmateer49721@gmail.com) Formal reviews are not necessary.

My current read is Ellen Airgood's *Tin Camp Road*, somewhat a survival story about a low-wage earning mom and her 10 year old daughter trying to get ahead on the shores of Lake Superior. I'm now at page 75, looking for ways to justify spending the rest of the day reading.

Ellen will be speaking at the library the evening of April 14.

Broken For You by Stephanie Kallos is a quirky read about an lonely heiress in Seattle with an inoperable brain tumor. As the story proceeds she reaches out, assembling a diverse cast of characters. What she does with her life is inspiring and a fun read.

As one who loves WW II fiction, I really enjoyed Kristen Harmel's well researched historical novels *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* and the *Book of Lost Names*. Both have strong female protagonists and are survival stories.

William Kent Kreuger is best known for his works featuring Cork O'Connor. Two of his stand alone titles, *Ordinary Grace*, a mystery and *This Tender Land*, a book our book club gave all 10's, are well worth your time.

Bewilderment, by Richard Powers is both science and science fiction. I loved the story but the bond between father and borderline Asperger's son, made the book really special. This is a child I would love to get to know better.

Robert Dugoni's *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* is a heart warming tale of a boy born with red eyes. The local Catholic school thinks he will be a disruption and tries to deny him a place in first grade but his mother persists and so begins this life of Sam Hell. This read like a memoir I did not want to end. It was so enjoyable, I need to check out other Dugoni titles.

I do hope one of these titles might be appealing and please do consider sending your comments about books you've loved for future issues of the Friends' newsletter.

Jeanette

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### 2022 Library Calendar April 4......First of four Adult Drawing Classes (fee)......10 am 13 .......Straits Area Audubon Society ........6 pm 14 ......Ellen Airgood 2022 Michigan Notable Book Author ..... 6 pm May 11.......Straits Area Audubon Society .......6 pm 1......First of 2022 Summer Reading Challenge 17 ...... Movie in the Children's Garden ....... Dark 23 ......Blood Drive at the Library July 15 ...... Movie in the Children's Garden ....... Dark 20......Rock and Roll Beach Party......6 pm August 12 ...... Movie in the Children's Garden ...... Dark 15 ......Meet a Mermaid and Wrap-up Party ......6 pm

Treasurer's Report Sept-Oct 2021	
Beginning Balance\$5,629.99	
Income	
Book Nook (Cart Sales)	
Sept\$278.00	
Oct\$205.00	
Membership	
Sept\$75.00	
Life Member Donations	
Sept\$100.00	
Expenses	
Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce\$ 50.00	
Straits Area Printing (1,000 brochures)\$289.00	
Ending Balance\$5,948.99	

Call the library for more information

#### 2022 Friends Calendar

**April** 

12 ... Friends' Meeting... Library ... 1 pm

14 ... Friends' Annual Meeting .....1 pm

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