

# Friends' of Cheboygan Area Public Library

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September 2024

## Minutes June 11, 2024

Members in attendance: Leslie Carmin, Gwen Kuehn, Jeanette Mateer, Mali Thomas, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Rosita White, Pat Hubbard

Representing library: Brice Bush, Paula Jewell

Mary Ellen presented minutes of April 9, 2024 for approval. No changes/discussion. Motion to approve minutes by Jeanette Mateer, seconded by Gwen Kuehn. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gwen distributed financial report for April - May, 2024. Ending balance is over \$6,000. Cart sales averaging about \$100/month. Report accepted subject to audit.

**Membership/Newsletter:** Jeanette updated dues renewal and clarified dues mailings: sent to all current members, those who are paid for new year plus two past years.

Discussion of whether reference books should be shelved in Book Nook. Some in favor, some not so much. No change for shelving reference books at this time.

**Director's Report:** Brice Bush reported donations of used books continue. She [keeps] books in good shape that could be of popular interest and not currently on library shelves. Books appropriate for Book Nook are stored for transport.

Library staff will begin in August to inventory current library fiction titles to evaluate condition and popular interest. One objective is creation of shelf space for new fiction offerings.

Bryce completed an evaluation of non-fiction in past year.

New Children's Librarian (Sasha Wright) starts June 17th.

### Library Programs/Publicity:

Paula Jewell: Summer Reading Program began June 8th at Cheboygan Children's Trail. On June 12th Smokey Bear (who is celebrating his 80th birthday) will visit the library to talk with children about campfire safety. See Library web site and handouts for Summer Reading Program activities.

### New Business:

Jeanette noted Family Fun Day at the Cheboygan County Fair is August 5, 2024. Friends traditionally staff a booth to hand out free books to children. Children's book area in Book Nook needed to be sorted, some worth keeping, some good candidates to pass out on August 5th. Several volunteered to help sort the children's book area on July 25th. (Post-meeting: Jeanette reported she [sorted] children's books for Family Fun Day. Sort day on July 25th was cancelled.

Jeanette nominated Mary Ellen Sheridan for full term as Secretary. Gwen seconded. Motion approved.

Friends of CAPL Annual Review June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024. Sue Johnson, President, prepared the Review. In her absence, Jeanette presented the Review which included highlights of membership dues income including important donations from Lifetime Memberships; activities and

significant fund raising through sales at Book Nook and upstairs cart; various Gift of Reading Programs funded by the Friends of CAPL. Review identified the following summary of Library Programs Supported by the Friends:

- Summer Reading Program, \$1,500
- Gift of Reading, \$380.64
- Teen Take & Read, \$1,200
- Director Discretionary Fund, \$400
- Santa Reindeer, Family Fun Day and Halloween, \$800

Brice noted December reindeer visit and Children's book give away [were] a huge success. The library wishes to repeat this program with projected budget of \$1,500. Rosita offered a motion Friends provide \$1,500 for 2024 December Program. Mali Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Gwen moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:02 with Jeanette Mateer supporting.

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mary Ellen Sheridan

## Updating

If your contact information changes, you need to let me know to continue receiving newsletters.

I am asking once again for email addresses from those of you who do not receive friends information electronically. *Randy*

## Special Report & Help!

### Book Nook / Gift of Reading

Sue Johnson, Mary Ellen Sheridan and I recently weeded the Book Nook of duplicates, tired looking books and some that had been around forever, to contribute them to the County Humane Society sale.

Weeding may become an annual event. If you would like to help in the future, contact Sue Johnson, davesusanjohnson@gmail.com. You can pick the section to work on and we will provide training.

On the first day of the County Fair, Leslie Carmen, Sue and I distributed free books to children as part of our GOF program. We will repeat this at Festival Square for the downtown Halloween activity and in the library when the reindeer visit in December.

Last year we incorporated GOF into the EarthWeek Plus celebration, distributing non-fiction science & nature books. We purchase a few books but most are pulled from those donated.

### Friends Membership / Meetings

Membership remains stable although we are losing older members through attrition. Membership and donations are critically important to what friends donate to the library.

Our Friends are very generous and this does make a difference. We have membership meetings, four times a year, April, June, September and November. Meetings are open to everyone and usually don't last more than an hour. Some think these are only for officers, but that is not the case. Through the years we tried having presentations, speakers, visits to other libraries and luncheons but found with busy schedules, we never had good attendance. So we've morphed into 4 short meetings, which give us a chance to find out what's going on with the library, the programs, and do a bit of friends business.

It is important for members to know you are most welcome to attend these meetings. They begin at 1 pm, the second Tuesday of the month and are a good way to keep up with library news, I meet other Friends and have a chance to talk about books we've enjoyed. Please feel you are welcome.

### Book Nook Help Needed

We need Friends to help in the Book nook. This volunteer activity is not strenuous at all. For those who are comfortable straightening books or help put books away, your help is most welcome. Others would prefer to sit at the desk, chat with customers and take money, we need you too.

Many do more than one session per month because we do not have enough volunteers. The best way to find out

what's going on is to stop in when the Book Nook is open, talk with the volunteer and have her show you around so you can see exactly what we do, We do need all to become more involved if at all possible.

### Future of the Friends

Sometimes, when Gwen is trying hard to find more people to fill in slots for the book nook, we question if we can keep the Friends group going.

Comments as to what you would like to see us do or what you would be willing to help us do would be most valuable. This is one reason coming to meetings gives you a chance to input ideas.

It is new ideas that make this group vibrant. Contact Sue Johnson with any suggestions or ideas. I have been a Friend since the early 90's. This is a wonderful organization and the library needs us.

Jeanette Mateer

### Reading Recommendations

John Smolens ..... *Cold Hard Prayer, A*  
 Lena Andrews ..... *Valient Women, The* (nonfiction)  
 Melissa L. Sevigny ..... *Brave the Wild River* (nonfiction)

### 2024 Friends Calendar

#### September

10 ..... Trustee Meeting ..... 1:00 pm

#### November

12 ..... Trustee Meeting ..... 1:00 pm

#### December

1 ..... Reindeer at the library and Gift of Reading



## Treasurer's Report

### June, 2023 to May, 2024

Balance Forward .....	\$3,541.07
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Book Nook</b>	
Junel.....	\$579.00
July .....	\$509.00
August.....	\$614.29
September .....	\$461.15
October.....	\$371.00
November .....	\$429.25
December .....	\$237.00
January 2024 .....	\$329.15
February .....	\$504.00
March.....	\$448.94
April.....	\$425.00
May.....	\$358.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,265.78</b>
<b>Membership.....</b>	<b>\$1,230.00</b>
<b>Life Member Donations.....</b>	<b>\$825.00</b>
<b>Donations .....</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$7,330.78</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Postage & Printing .....	\$214.00
Teen Take & Read.....	\$1,200.00
Santa Reindeer Program .....	\$800.00
CAPL Director Discretionary Fund .....	\$400.00
Summer Reading Programs .....	\$1,500.00
Books For Gift of Teading.....	\$380.64
Annual Renewal FOML.....	\$50.00
Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce Membership.....	\$50.00
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$4,594.64</b>
<b>Ending Balance.....</b>	<b>\$6,277.21</b>

## At the library

Did you know you can rent bicycles at the library? Well you can.

Jigsaw puzzle enthusiast with a finished puzzle, swap it for another one at the library.

Tech help,ww they're there for that too.

Check out the library website to find out how many things you can do and get there. You may be surprised.



Financier JP Morgan possessed a comprehensive collection of art – from rare books and prints to ancient artefacts.

In 1924, his son, JP Morgan Jr, donated his father's library to the public and the Morgan Library & Museum was born. Located on Madison Avenue and 36th street in Manhattan, this extraordinary structure was built between 1902 and 1906 by Charles Follen McKim, and it occupies half the city block.

Since 1924, several additions have been added to house a growing collection, including an annex in 1928, a brownstone in 1988 and an outdoor garden in 1991.

Led by Renzo Piano, in 2006 the building underwent its most extensive renovation yet to improve visitor accessibility as well as gallery and archival space.



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## Library Calendar

### September

11 to 25.....5:00-8:00 pm .....Dungeons and Dragons  
 10, 17, 24 ..... 10:15 am .....Preschool Story Time  
 10 or 12 ..... Various Times.....Beginner Tai Chi Class  
 16, 23, 30..... 10:00 am.....Drawing III, Advanced Students  
 17.....6:00 pm .....A Cloud Over The Land  
 19 ..... 6:00 pm .....From Michigan With Love  
 26..... 12:00-5:00 pm.....Blood Drive  
 28..... Various Times.....Bat Walking Tour

### October

1..... 6:00 pm .....How Milkweed Saved Lives  
 3 ..... 6:00 pm .....Stormy Kromer Night  
 7 ..... 10:00 am.....Drawing III, Advanced Students  
 10 ..... 6:00 pm .....Bill Jameson, Author, Songwriter

For more information & programs, check the Library website

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