

September 2026 Goldnotes

Sheboygan County Association for Home & Community Education President's Message



Dear HCE Members,

By the time you receive this newsletter, the HCE State Conference will be over. There were 10 Sheboygan County members attending this year. If you are not one of them, find someone who was! They will be bringing back information to your club. Gathering with like-minded people—those interested in leadership, service and learning, is always invigorating.

Two important events are coming up in October. The first is Member to Member. We all enjoy the recipe tasting and fellowship to start the evening. The Annual Association Meeting follows. In this newsletter you will find the agenda, minutes of last year's meeting, the proposed budget along with other information you will want to know. **There will not be additional copies of this information, so please bring your Goldnotes with you, either on paper or digital.**

Two days later we will be hosting the SE District Fall meeting. This requires many volunteers to attend to details. Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve and donate to this event. Looking forward to rolling out the welcome mat to our neighboring counties.

Yours in HCE,
Joyce Smies, President
Sheboygan County HCE

Kindred Heart Families

Their next project is Christmas. Eligible children/families are asked 5 questions to give people an idea of what they may want/need. Two of the questions include sizes for clothing and what their interests are. By November 1, lists are made available on their website www.kindredheartfamilies.org or Facebook,

<https://www.facebook.com/kindredheartfamilies/>

Members can decide what they want to donate. Kindred Heart Families also needs money for various things, rent and specific Christmas gifts. We can also donate money at our meetings.

Member to Member Monday, October 12, 6:00 PM

Each club is asked to bring samples of two of their club's recipes. Individual members are welcome to bring a sample of their recipe, but it is not required. All samples should be in individual containers for serving unless they are a cookie or bar and the member wants to hand it out.

Take Note!!

SE District Meeting

Registration is due to
Nancy Wagner by Oct 1.

If you have not already sent
your registration, along with
\$20 to Nancy, please do
ASAP (See Pg 11)

If you are bringing food donations,
please have them at Crossroads
Church by 8:30 am.



Monday - October 12 – 6:00 PM

Annual Meeting & Member-to-Member
Extension Room 5020/5022

Wednesday - October 14 – 9:30 AM

Fall Southeast District Meeting
Crossroads Community Church, Sheboygan

Thursday, November 5—11:30 AM

HCE Book Club
Sheboygan Pizza Ranch

Monday - November 9 – 10:00 AM

Dementia Live: Step Into My World
Extension Room 5020/5022

Monday, November 9 – Noon

Executive Board Meeting
Extension Room 5024

Monday - December 14—10:30 AM

Executive Board Christmas Party
Generations, Plymouth

Monday- January 11 10:00 AM

Sheboygan County Resource Center
Extension Room 5020/5022

**2026 Sheboygan County
Association for Home &
Community Education Officers**

Joyce Smies
President

Marie Kalies
Vice President (Program)

Myra Eischen
Secretary

Nancy Wagner
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International Report

At each meeting we pass around the Pennies for Friendship canister. What is this money used for? There are three projects we support with this collection. ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), Ventures in People and the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas. This past year we supported Rural Women in Action projects including buying water filters and making personal care bags for Day for Girls, supported six students to attend school in Haiti, and assisted with shipping cost to send items to Nicaragua.

Please continue to collect empty ink cartridges. These cartridges will be recycled with the proceeds benefiting residents of Haiti. You may take them to any educational meeting or Executive Board Meetings.

Iris Paper Folding

Amanda Smith shared her talents with us in a class where we learned how to make a simple card with a fall “pumpkin” design. Originating in Holland, Iris paper folding is a creative craft technique that involves layering strips of paper to create spiral designs, resembling the iris of a camera.



Book Club News

JoAnn Gadick and Nancy Wagner

Our next meeting will be held on November 5, 2026, at 11:30 at the Sheboygan Pizza Ranch. We will be discussing “The Sandcastle Girls” written by Chris Bohjalian. The story takes place in 1915 when Elizabeth Endicott travels to Aleppo, Syria as a volunteer to deliver food and medical aid to refugees of the Armenian Genocide during the First World War. The book is filled with the suspense of life and death, romance, family and secrets. The story is fiction but based on truth.

We have chosen the books for 2027. We will be reading “The Maid and the Socialite” by Lynda Drews in February 2027. This unforgettable, true story took place in Green Bay. The other books we will read are “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens, “Astor, The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune” by Anderson Cooper, and “Beneath a Scarlet Sky” by Mark Sullivan.

All are welcome to join us for a casual gathering of good food and great discussion!

Cultural and Textile Arts State Winners

1. Painting/Drawing—Amanda Smith-Alcohol ink drawing, Blue Ribbon
2. Crafts—Amanda Smith-Cards, Blue Ribbon
3. Diamond Art—Myra Eischen-Cardinals and Lillies, Blue Ribbon
4. Poem—Myra Eischen-65, Blue Ribbon
5. Heritage Skills—Amanda Smith-Tatted Doily Blue Ribbon and Medallion
6. Painted Object—Amanda Smith-Wood Shield Blue Ribbon and Medallion
7. Crocheting—Nancy Wagner-Baby Blanket, White Ribbon
8. Hand Stitching—Nancy Wagner-Winter Lodge Sample, Blue Ribbon
9. Sewing—Joyce Smies-Adult Wear, Blue Ribbon
10. Small Quilt—Marie Kalies-Tree Skirt-(16E), Blue Ribbon
11. Small Quilt—Marie Kalies-SomerSault Bargello (16C), Blue Ribbon

Congratulations to all the winners!

Start thinking of your entry for next year.

Pam Fiedler

County-wide Community Outreach Project

At the Annual Business Meeting, October 12, we will be voting on a new project for 2027. Julie Boedecker has done some research, looking for possible projects. We will choose one of the following:

Sheboygan Food Bank—"Back Pack" program. It involves preparing bags of food for eligible children during the school year, so they have food for the weekend. We would be able to prepare bags on Tuesdays, 9-10:30 am so they are ready by 11:30. A second project is sorting all the donations of food collected from Evergreen Park Christmas light show.

Angel Hugs, Plymouth—Work on projects of crafts, greeting cards, toys, comfort items and donations of money (used for postage and shipping costs). Wish lists are on their website. They are already booked through the end of the year for volunteers.

State Conference Report

Ten members from Sheboygan County attended the WAHCE Party on Gibson Street in Eau Claire. On Monday, we had the opportunity to take a tour to learn more about the area. Some enjoyed a visit to an orchard; some visited a lavender farm, and others took a trolley ride around the city. Tuesday was a full day of sectionals, a keynote speaker at the noon luncheon and after the evening meal we were entertained by Don Hanson of Apple River Arts. The conference ended on Wednesday after two sectionals and closing lunch.

Deb Zimmerman won an award for suggesting the chosen name for the new girl Bookworm. Her name is Willow and she will be the companion for Wiggly!



Next year's conference will be in Oshkosh.

Mark your calendar to "Come Fly With Me, HCE"!

HCE Annual Association Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2026

6:00 p.m. at UW-Extension Rooms 5020-5022

Please take some time to look over the following agenda for the Annual Association Meeting. Minutes from 2025 Annual Meeting are also included. Please read these over prior to the meeting. We will not have extra copies available at the meeting, so please bring along this Goldnote.

1. Welcome members
2. Call to Order-6:45 p.m.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Association Creed—Marilyn Voskui
3. Roll Call (by Club, Individual and Guests)
4. 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
5. 2026 Treasurer's Report to date—Pennies for Friendship
6. Report on State Conference 2026
7. Standing Committee Report
 - a. International—Joyce Smies
 - b. Stitches of Love—Ann Meyer
 - c. Cultural & Textile Arts—Pam Fiedler
 - d. Program—Marie Kalies
 - e. Wisconsin Bookworms—Deb Zimmerman
 - f. Family & Community Life—Julie Boedecker
 - g. Marketing & Membership—Kathi Bonde
8. New Business
 - a. County Community Project 2027: Sheboygan Food Bank or Angel Hugs
 - b. Club Representative on Executive Board: Lakeview—Ellen McNeese, Pretty Good Eggs—Kay Keyes, Franklin—Joanne Schroeder & Carolyn Dreier.
 - c. Election of 2027 Officers
 - d. Committee Chairs
 - e. Approve County Program as presented.
 - f. Approve proposed budget.
 - g. Upcoming Educational Meetings
 - i. November 2026, 10:00 a.m. Educational meeting—Dementia Live
 - ii. January 10, 2027, Education meeting—Sheboygan Co Resource Center
 - h. District Responsibilities for 2027:
 - i. Member to Member—Lakeview
 - ii. Rally/Recognition Day—Pretty Good Eggs
 - iii. Fair Booth—Franklin
 - i. 2027 WAHCE State Conference—CEN District hosting, Waterfront Hotel, Oshkosh September 20-22, 2027
9. Other Business
10. Moment of silence to honor deceased members
11. Association Prayer—Joan Walvoord

Sheboygan Co. HCE Annual Meeting Oct 13th, 2025

President Joyce Smies welcomed members at 6:45 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was called to order, and association creed was led by Marilyn Voskuil.

Roll call was taken: Lakeview 7, Pretty Good Eggs 9, Franklin 7, Individual 5 and 1 guest (Truong Tran)

2024 Annual meeting minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made to accept by Kay Keyes and 2nd by Ellen McNeese. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers' report was reviewed & filed. Next year's budget passed with one correction. District dues are \$2 per member, for a total of \$70 per year.

There is a call for a committee to redesign and make a new Southeast flag. Ann Meyer volunteered to help. If anyone is interested in helping her, see or call Carolyn Dreier.

Pennies for friendship: Donation sheets were passed out.

The programs are Ventures in people-Haiti,

Wis./Nicaragua Partners, ACWW(Association Country Women of the World) Shipping & Community Centers. Checks can be sent to Lori Chipman 970 Cty Rd A Grand Marsh WI 53936

Report on State Conference: We had a GREAT keynote speaker in Matt the Kewaunee County sheriff. It was about being positive. One of his ideas is to change PTSD to PTSG, the G being for growth. Let adversity be an opportunity for growth. The entertainment was a Johnny Cash impersonator, lots of singing along. Sheboygan County won an award for 4 new members. Thanks Kathi Bonde. Pam Fiedler reported on winners: 1st place & medallions were won by Joyce Smies (sewing/shirt) and Marie Kalies (Quilt). Six other 1st place winners were Amanda Smith (alcohol ink picture) Nancy Wagner (full diamond dot picture) Pam Fiedler (recycled material, Plant starter) Amanda Smith (Heritage skills, Spinning) Nancy Wagner (crocheting, baby blanket) Nancy Wagner (hand stitching, cross stitch). Two 2nd place winners Ellen McNeese (Partial Diamond Dots) Amanda Smith (cards, mixed media). 3rd place Myra Eischen (poem). Next year Diamond Dots will be a separate category. Lego creations will be in the "other" category. Start planning for next year! Next year will be at the Lizmore Hotel in Eau Claire. Update subscription rate is going up next year, so renew soon.

International: Alice Walter will be stepping down. Thank you for your years of service in this capacity. Mary Olson has volunteered to fill this position. There are no donations for Nicaragua as the government is sending back items.

Stitches of Love: Ann Meyer received 304 hats this year with 62 more to be delivered. They go to Dr. Matthews, Lombardi Cancer center, and Sharon Richardson.

Programs: Marie Kalies reported Nov. 10th Deck the Halls Christmas decorating ideas will be held at 6pm. The Jan. 10th at 10am Stars & Stripes Honor Flight speaker is lined up. Feb 9th is tech talk, prepare your questions. March 9th is healthy cooking with substitutions.

Bookworms: All books and bags have been delivered to readers. We have 165 kids, 9 classes and each child gets 8 books & a book bag. Let Deb Zimmermann know if you need anything.

Pay It Forward was a nonprofit program for the homeless. Last year we donated food, clothing, hygiene products, & money. Unfortunately, their building was condemned, and they have not been able to find a new home, so they terminated the program on Sunday Sept. 14th 2025. Their Facebook page said, "We're not done yet". Keep watching their FB page if you'd like to continue donating. Joanne Schroeder made a motion to apply the \$39 we have left from this year's collection to next year's community project. Motion was 2nd by Ann Meyer. Motion passed.

Membership: Kathi Bonde passed out wallet size cards. She will leave some at Generations. Please don't be shy about giving them out to recruit new members. The QR code used at the fair was very successful.

Book Club: Nancy Wagner reports on the next meeting is Nov.6th at 11:30 at Pizza Ranch. The book is Escape from Assisted Living. Everyone invited.

New Business: We voted to have Kindred Hearts as our next year's community project. They work with foster children. They do 4 projects during the year, welcome bags, Birthday bags, busy bags, & school bags. They also do toy and hygiene drives. Mary Ann Blust is the contact person.

Myra Eischen volunteered to come back as secretary, & Kathi Bonde volunteered to be President elect.

Officers are: President Joyce Smies for 2026, with president elect Kathi Bonde
Kathi will then be president for the 2027-2028 term.

V.P. Programming: Marie Kalies

Secretary: Myra Eischen

Treasurer: Nancy Wagner

Committee heads: International: Mary Olson

Stitches of Love: Ann Meyer

Cultural & Textile Arts: Pam Fiedler

Programming: Marie Kalies

WI Bookworms: Deb Zimmermann

Membership: If anyone is interested call Joyce Smies or Kathi Bonde.

A motion was made by Ellen McNeese & 2nd by Carolyn Dreier to accept 2025 budget & take money out of checkbook to cover the \$65 deficit. One opposed, rest carried.

2026 Responsibilities: Member to Member: Franklin

Rally/Cultural Arts Day: Lakeview

Fair Booth: Pretty Good Eggs

JoAnn Gadick will lead a committee to decorate a Christmas tree at the historical museum. Call her if you'd like to help. If you have any of the crafts you made with Althea Smith that would work as, ornaments, we'd love to use them. Put your name on it & give it to Tammy by Nov.10th. This will be a great tribute to Althea Smith.

No individual club minutes need to be sent to Tammy, as the extension isn't keeping them. If something great happens let Carolyn Dreier know. Send them to President Joyce Smies in the future.

A huge thank you to S.E. Districting Marketing director Amanda Smith.
A moment of silence for Althea Smith.

4 door prizes were given out. Thanks to Mary Olson for bringing those in. Kathi Bonde also gave away some HCE merchandise.

Joyce Smies adjourned the meeting with the association prayer.

Deb Zimmermann, Secretary.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027! MARK YOUR CALANDARS!

January Education Program: January 11, 2027, 10:00am **Sheboygan County Connections**

Discover the surprising ways Sheboygan County has helped shape the wider world! Katie Reilly of the Historical Research Center will take us on a fascinating journey through local connections to the Panama Canal, the Brooklyn Bridge, the discovery of DNA, the Manhattan Project, and more. Come curious! Bring your questions—and any intriguing Sheboygan County “connections” of your own—to share with the group.

February Education Program: February 8, 2027, 10:00am **Tour Mead Public Library!**

By popular member request, we’re heading behind the scenes at Mead Public Library! Join us to discover the many resources, services, and unexpected treasures waiting beyond the bookshelves. Meet Pattie at the library at 10:00 a.m. for a guided tour that may completely change the way you think about your local library.

Mead Public Library
[710 North 8th Street](#)
[Sheboygan, WI 53081](#)

March Education Program: March 8, 2027, 10:00am **All About Bees**

Get ready to enter the fascinating world of bees! Dan Hocebar will share the buzz on “all things bees,” revealing surprising facts, remarkable behaviors, and the important role these tiny pollinators play in our world. Think you already know bees? Think again—and come prepared with your most curious questions!

April Education Program: April 12, 2027, 1:00pm (*Note the afternoon time*) **Amish and Traditional Mennonites**

Talk description: Professor Loudon begins by presenting an overview contrasting widely held myths with facts about the Amish and closely related religious groups such as the Mennonites, of which he is a practicing member. He will cover history, tenets of faith of the various branches, lifestyle customs, and much more. After the presentation, Dr. Loudon welcomes the chance to talk with you and answer your questions. *(Please bring friends, we need a minimum of 20 people for this one)*

As always, please sign up ahead of time, either by e-mail, call or text Marie Kalies. Text works best, as I will respond to your request as I write your name down, (makes it easy to check later if you signed up or not)!

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

BUDGET FOR YEAR: 2027

INCOME

Regular/Individual Members <u>27/8</u> Total <u>35</u> at <u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
Rally Day	_____
When applicable....SE WI District Meeting	<u>\$200.00</u>
Other(Donations)	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1100.00</u>

EXPENSES	BUDGETED	ACTUAL EXPENSE (2026)
State dues (usually \$7/member)	<u>\$245.00</u>	<u>\$245.00</u>
District dues (usually \$1/member)	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$34.00</u>
Rally Day (cost/#members)	<u>\$_____</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
Rally Day Speaker/Judge	<u>\$_____</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
Cultural Arts Show	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
State Convention	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
SE WI District Meeting – Fall 2026	<u>\$_____</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
Speaker Fees – 6	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Member to Member	<u>\$_____</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
Fair Booth – Recipe Books	<u>\$ \$200 .00</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
\$ Stitches of Love	<u>\$_____</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
Postage – Goldnotes (emailed)	<u>\$_____</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
Postage – meeting minutes/agenda emailed	<u>\$_____</u>	<u>\$_____</u>
Copying – membership book, recipes Member-to-Member	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$91.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1080.00</u>	TOTAL <u>\$770.00</u>



Southeast District Fall Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Hosted by Sheboygan County HCE
"Live As Usual"



Crossroads Community Church
4321 Co Road A,
Sheboygan, WI 53083



9:30 AM **Registration & Morning Refreshments**
10:00 AM-Noon **Welcome and Business Meeting**
12:00 PM **Lunch***
1:00 PM **Presentation: Livasu—Live As Usual**
 Michelle LeMahieu, CO-Founder

Livasu is a pioneering community set to make history in Sheboygan County as the first-of-its-kind dementia village in the United States. This groundbreaking project is designed to offer a supportive and vibrant environment for individuals living with dementia.

Optional tour of Livasu (Directions on back)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the south: Take I-43 toward Sheboygan, take Exit 120, turn left onto Cty Rd V. In .2 mile, turn right onto Frontage Rd., go 2 miles. Turn left onto Weeden Creek Rd. At the traffic circle, take 1st exit onto Cty Rd A. Crossroads Church will be on the right side in .3 mile.

From the west: Take Hwy 23 East to I-43 S toward Milwaukee. Take exit 123 toward Sheboygan Cty Rd A. Turn right onto Hwy 28. Then turn left onto Cty Rd A. Crossroad Church will be on the left in .8 mile.

* Lunch—Ham, German potato salad, green beans, dinner rolls, cookies, and beverages. Please indicate if there are any special dietary requirements on this form next to your name.

Registration Fee - \$20.00 per person due no later than October 1, 2026.
Send one list and one check per county payable to "Sheboygan County HCE"

~ NO REFUNDS ~

Please complete this registration form and send to:

Nancy Wagner, 508 Madison Ave, Howards Grove, WI 53083

County:_____

Amount Enclosed:\$_____

Contact Person:_____

Telephone #:_____

E-mail:_____

Attendee Names (Please print)



In 2017, a small group of professionals who worked in the field of aging, identified a problem with how individuals having dementia behaviors were being cared for in our community. In 2018, the Dementia Crisis Task Force of Sheboygan County was formed to evaluate, discuss, and work collaboratively to improve Sheboygan County's response to individuals with dementia who are experiencing crisis. This was accomplished through a grassroots public/private partnership. This collaborative included law enforcement, EMS providers, social workers, hospital personnel, and 911/communication center personnel.

Directions to Livasu Community from Crossroads Community Church:

As you leave the church parking lot, turn left onto Cty Rd A. At traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto EE East. Go 1 mile to traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Business Drive, go 1 mile. Turn left onto Stahl Road (just past Sheboygan School District Office). Livasu Community will be on your right. Turn right onto Visionary Way.

Directions back to I-43

As you leave Livasu, go left on Stahl Road, Turn left onto Business Drive. Drive about 1 mile to entrance ramps for north and south I-43.

Sheboygan County will be hosting the SE District Meeting. Thank you to all who have been involved in the planning and coordinating the details as we look forward to welcoming members from 5 other counties. Please take note of the following:

Greeters/Signage—Lakeview volunteers will be at the front doors to direct arrivals. Please arrive by 8:30 AM. Signs placed at driveway.

Food (Refreshments & Lunch) Mrya Eischen and Kaye Keyes are in charge. If you have offered to bring items for morning buffet, please have them in the kitchen at Crossroads by 8:30 AM.

Registration and Nametags—Nancy Wagner will make nametags for those attending. Joanne Schroeder and Mary Bunge will be at the registration table, distributing folders and handouts

Centerpieces—Amanda Smith is preparing table decorations. If you would like to assist her, please let her know.

Dementia Live: Step Into My World

Monday, November 9, 2026, 10:00 – 11:30Am

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Marie Kalies at mariek6968@gmail.com

Join us for a powerful, hands-on-experience that offers an inside-out understanding of dementia and the aging process. Using specialized gear and guided simulation, participants will experience the sensory and cognitive challenges faced by those living with dementia. This immersive training builds empathy deepens understanding and helps improve care and communication.

Presented by Connie Thimmig of Sharon S Richardson Community Hospice.

OCTOBER 14TH SHEBOYGAN CO.HCE BOARD MEETING Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Joyce Smies

Association creed led by Marilyn Voskuil

Roll call taken; Myra Eischen absent

Last meeting minutes approved

Treasurers report read and filed. Thank you for the \$200 donation from Kathi Bonde in her late husband Fred's name.

New hire, Jace Purdy attended our meeting to introduce himself. He replaces Truong. His focus is Lifespan, meaning exercise, tech, and future planning. Jayna Hintz also attended. Her focus is education for several counties (Calumet, Manitowoc, Door, Sheboygan) She also told us they have a new Administration Assistant as of yesterday named Brandy Cha.

International- Joyce Smies;

Don't forget to turn in your old ink cartridges.

Stitches of Love-Ann Meyer;

Received 71 hats in August 173 for the year. Ann is sending 25 to Sharon Richardson Hospice. Ebenezer Church on Taylor Dr. (near St Nick hospital) makes hats on Tuesday afternoon, if anyone is interested in helping. The pink flyer with Stitches of Love info on it is obsolete and will need to be updated.

Cultural Arts-Pam Fiedler;

If you need anything picked up or returned from the state convention, please let Pam know asap.

Programs- Marie Kalies;

Sept 14th Crafts with Amanda Smith. Nov 9th Dementia 10am limit 24 so sign up asap. Jan. Kate Riley Sheb. Cty. History. Feb. Mead library services. March-Bees. April-Amish must have 20 Minimum. June – Tour by Deb Roitt TBD. Sept. Paper embroidery with Pam Fiedler

Bookworms- Deb Zimmermann;

Book bags will be picked up at the convention. After that readers can pick up their books and begin reading in October. Right on schedule.

Family & Community Life-Julie Boedecker;

Kindred Hearts is focusing on Christmas. What to buy and sizes are listed on their website & Facebook page. Please consider giving cash for things like their rent & gift cards for older kids. We have collected \$139 so far. Suggestions for 2027, Sheboygan food bank, and their backpack program. Preparing bags of food for eligible children during the school year so they have food on the weekend. Prepare bags on Tuesdays 9-10:30am so they are ready by 11:30. The 2nd project for them is sorting through donations of food from Evergreen Park Christmas lights drive through. Other project is Project Angel Hugs. Projects of crafts, cards, toys, comfort items and money for postage and shipping costs. They are already booked through the end of the year. There is a new program through ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource), a new program to call lonely seniors & talk with them. Program not been finalized yet, possibly for 2028. A background check for volunteers is required.

Book Club-Nancy Wagner;

Next meeting is Thursday Nov 5th at 11:30 at Pizza Ranch. The book is Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian.

Books for 2027 have been selected.

Marketing & Membership-Kathi Bonde;

There was some interest in our educational meetings from the fair. Discussed the possibility of a partnership with Uptown Social.

2026 NVON conference; National Volunteer Outreach Network, there are 10 states including Wisc. in NVON. They passed 2 resolutions at the last meeting. To work to break the stigma tied to mental health, and to work to end childcare deserts. There were 122 members in attendance. Thanks S.E. District, Marie Kalies, Kathi Bonde, for table favors for every meal. Chips, candy, and pens are always appreciated.

Marie Kalies reported on the Fair Booth; No recipe books had been printed by fair time. We still had QR codes & e mail is still available to get recipes. We need new HCE & Stitches flyers for next year. Marie Kalies will be making a fair checklist for set up. Set up can be done the day before the fair opens. Printing costs are an issue. It's \$.20 per page at Oostburg library & \$2.00 each at Lakeshore weekly. Joyce will have some printed for the Member-to-Member meeting. Carolyn Drier suggested applying for a grant from the Packer foundation which can be done between Feb. & April 2027. It will be about \$250 for recipe books & \$75 for our Program books. Marie made a motion to print between 75-100 copies up to \$200 for next year. Deb Zimmermann 2nd and motion passed.

Marie Kalies gave an update on the Coloring Contest; Amada Smith printed 450 copies & got 4 \$20 Walmart gift cards & 4 Culvers gift cards as prizes. Entries are due by September 30th, & prizes mailed or given out at Member to Member. Kathi Bonde donated candy to go with the pages.

WAHCE Conference; All tax-exempt numbers & county reimbursements have been given out.

Member to Member is Oct 12th, 2026, Franklin hosting, featuring special diet recipes. Recipes are due by September 28th to JoAnn Gadicke.

Dues & membership forms are due Oct. 15th. Send to Nancy Wagner.

Kathi Bonde is our new president. We should have 1-2 representatives from each club at board meetings. All current committee chairpersons have agreed to remain for next year.

S.E. District Meeting at Crossroads Community Church 4321 Co. Rd. A Sheboygan. Nancy paid the \$200 fee. Tour of Livasu Sheboygan will be available after the meeting. Members may consider doing that at another time since we will need help cleaning up. Myra, Julie & Joyce previewed the venue. Reach out to Myra Eischen & Kay Keyes to see if they need any additional help with food. Carolyn Drier, SE District Director, will bring informational folders. Be there at 8:30 to help set up, registration starts at 9:30. Don't forget to sign up by Oct. 1st. The cost is \$20, send to our club treasurer.

Goldnotes articles are due to Joyce by Sept 18th. Proofreading September 24th.

It was suggested to have an additional Board Meeting. It will be on Nov 9th at Noon.

Meeting adjourned

Association Prayer.

Submitted by Deb Zimmermann