



Alliance Française
Michigan Capital Area Chapter
Annual Report
2016

The Board of Directors is pleased to provide this summary of activities of 2016.

1. **Alliance Française Activities**

- The very popular **soirées** (*potluck and program*)
- The Board has introduced a **film series**. Two films were presented as part of the series: *Les Innocentes* and *Dheepan*.
- There is now a **Club de Lecture** that meets regularly. Carolynne Jarvis has also started a **book lending library** that travels to all of the soirées where members can check out a French book or contribute another.

2. **Alliance Française Communications with members**

- Laurel Ponist created a Facebook page for Alliance Française-Michigan Capital Area Chapter
- Darcy Greene and Ellen Sullivan have created an AF chapter web page. Go to: aflansing.org. (*The development of the web page was funded by an A. Reynolds and Eleanor Morse Visibility grant from la Fédération des Alliance Françaises USA.*)
- The chapter has initiated a newsletter for members. The début edition was sent out in October.
- The chapter has initiated an RSVP response system (*Evite*) to make it easier for members to reply to event invitations.

3. **Membership** more than doubled in 2016. From 15 memberships (representing 21 individuals) to 35 memberships (50 individuals).

4. The Board of Directors has created a vision statement to go with the mission statement.

The mission of Michigan Capital Area Chapter (AF-MCAC) is to promote, share and enjoy the culture, language and friendship of the French-speaking world.

Vision Statement: Alliance Française-Michigan Capital Area Chapter fulfills its mission of increasing French awareness and French learning opportunities for its members by partnering with and inspiring Francophone and Francophile organizations in the Greater Lansing area. AF-MCAC works collaboratively on behalf of its members to share expertise and ideas that promote a growing awareness, exchange and mutual understanding of French language and culture.

5. **AF-MCAC** is now a member of La Fédération des Alliances Françaises USA.

In the works for 2017:

The Book Club and Film Series will continue plus

- Wine tasting in March
- Dinner outings
- Beaujolais Nouveau tasting in November
- Revision of the by-laws

Financial Report

As of December 9, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$1087.93
Revenues	\$840.00
Memberships	230.00
Grant	500.00
Interest	1.31
Expenses	\$32.94
Ending Balance	\$1786.30
Gain	\$698.37

2016 Board of Directors

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