

# MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

April 4, 2023 @ 3pm

Next movie club: May 2, 2023 @ 3PM

## Attendees:

Carol Mattaino
Joe Mattaino
Louise McLean
Robert McLean
Cher Terry
Kathi Hanrahan (host)
Sandy Freedman (1 <sup>st</sup> part)

## APRIL MOVIES

### Movie 1: Good Night Oppy (2022, Prime Video) – Documentary

**Rating: 3.8**

Who needs Wall-E or the Energizer Bunny when you've got the real thing — NASA's plucky little robot Opportunity, sent to Mars (brr!) on a 90-day mission? And Oppy kept going for 15 years, sending back pictures to humans who loved it as much as you will.

The bulk of the running time consists of news, documentary, and home movie footage taken during the mission, plus interviews with key members of the team, but Spirit and Opportunity are treated like people by the NASA team (and the filmmakers), in the manner of lovable cartoon characters or "Star Wars" androids. (AARP Movies for Grownups, Roger Ebert)

### Movie 2: Moneyball (2011, Prime Video) - Drama

**Rating: 4.0**

When the general manager of the Oakland A's is forced to reinvent his team on a tight budget, he teams up with an Ivy grad to recruit bargain players that scouts call flawed, but who are ultimately able to win games with their unconventional play. Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill star as folks inside the Oakland Athletics' who have to find a way to compete with the well-funded New York Yankees. Thanks to the combined charisma of Pitt and Hill, plus an all-star lineup featuring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Chris Pratt and Robin Wright — it all somehow works. (Tom's List, Rotten Tomatoes score: 94%)

## MAY MOVIES

### **Movie 1: Charlie Wilson's War (2007, Netflix) – Dark Comedy**

In the 1980s U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson (Tom Hanks), Texas socialite Joanne Herring (Julia Roberts) and CIA agent Gust Avrakotos (Philip Seymour Hoffman) form an unlikely alliance to boost funding for Afghan freedom fighters in their war against invading Soviets. The trio's successful efforts to finance these covert operations contributes to the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. *Charlie Wilson's War* manages to entertain and inform audiences, thanks to its witty script and talented cast of power players. (Rotten Tomatoes, score: 82%)

### **Movie 2: Till (2022, Prime Video) – Historical Drama**

*Till* is a profoundly emotional and cinematic film about the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14 year old son, Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was brutally lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. In Mamie's poignant journey of grief turned to action, we see the universal power of a mother's ability to change the world. *Till* reframes an historically horrific murder within a mother's grief, brought heartwrenchingly to life by Danielle Deadwyler's tremendous performance. (Rotten Tomatoes, score 96%)