MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

September 5, 2023 @ 3pm

Next movie club: October 3, 2023 @ 3PM

Attendees:

Carol Mattaino
Joseph Maittaino
Louise McLean
Robert McLean
Kathi Hanrahan (host)

NOTE: All are welcome to participate in movie club and discuss any movies you've recently seen and that you may (or may not) recommend to other MVAH members. It's not necessary to have seen the assigned movies.

The movie club met on August 1 to discuss *There Will Be Blood* and *Peace by Chocolate*. Participants included Carol and Joe Mattaino, Robert and Louise McLean, and host Kathi Hanrahan. Participants gave *There Will Be Blood* an overall rating of 3.0; *Peace by Chocolate* earned a 4.7 rating.

SEPTEMBER MOVIES

Movie 1: American Factory (2019, Netflix) – Documentary

American Factory is about Chinese company Fuyao's factory in Moraine, a city near Dayton, Ohio, taking over a defunct General Motors truck plant. At the time of the GM closing in December 2008, the plant employed 2,400 people. In late 2015, Fuyao opens the factory to build automotive glass for various automakers, hiring two thousand Americans. Early days of hope and optimism give way to setbacks as high-tech China clashes with working-class America. Rotten Tomatoes website says: "American Factory takes a thoughtful -- and troubling -- look at the dynamic between workers and employers in the 21st-century globalized economy." The film won an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature.

Movie 2: Fat Man and Little Boy (1989, Prime Video) – Historical, War Drama

Fat Man and Little Boy were the names of the two WWII bombs dropped on the Japanese cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, respectively. In real life, Robert Oppenheimer (played by

Dwight Schultz) was the scientific head of the Manhattan project, the secret wartime project in New Mexico where the first atomic bombs were designed and built. General Leslie Groves (played by Paul Newman) was in overall command and the film reenacts the project with an emphasis on their relationship.