

**LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021**

**Members in Attendance:** Gail Allcock, Carolyn Arwood, Sherry Barbieri, Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Marilyn Decker, Judy Grant, Terri Herbert, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Janene Ishee, Ginny Keller, Kathy Kling, Charlene Langer, Bonnie Lillibridge, Marion Lipinski, Pat Mazzolini, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Tom Moscovic, Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Greta Pate, Karen Sawitke, Dona Singerman, Lillian Spivey, Cathy Trepal, and Teresa Weaver.

**Newly Retired Teacher:** Beth Taylor

**Returning Members:** Albert and Mary Alice Snyder

**Scholarship Recipients:** Massey Andrykovitch, Mary Best, and Madyson Hacking

**Grant Recipient:** Rachel Mielke

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Chaplain Greta Pate discussed three days in May and June where the American Flag is commemorated: Memorial Day, D-Day, and Flag Day. Members then recited The Pledge of Allegiance. Greta gave a quiz and awarded the winners, the Snyders, a free lunch in September.

**PROGRAM:  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Chair Tim Niederkorn thanked the Scholarship Committee, which included Judy Grant, Terri Herbert, Connie Irvin, Lynda Krstolic, Dona Singerman, and Cathy Trepal.
- The recipients each received a check for \$1000.00. Recipients are:  
Massey Andrykovitch from Wickliffe H.S. Massey is enrolled at John Carroll.  
Mary Best from Mentor H.S. Mary is enrolled at Cleveland State.  
Madyson Hacking from Perry H.S. Madyson is enrolled at Mt. Union.
- Emails announcing the recipients were sent to the guidance departments and building principals and a press release was sent to local print news media.
- A Dine-to-Donate has been scheduled at Texas Roadhouse on June 23, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 pm. Flyers have been mailed and are available on the website.
- Thank you to all who contributed to this year's scholarship fund.

**JEAN P. LENTZ TEACHER GRANTS**

- Chair Karen Sawitke thanked the Grant Committee, which included Louise Bennet, Marilyn Decker, Judy Grant, Lynn Miller, Pat Newyear, and Vicki Stacy.
- Karen explained that each principal in Lake County is given grant information and that 16 teachers applied for the \$200 grants. Recipients included:
- Mark Soeder from Perry H.S. Mark sent a video entitled "It Can't Wait", which showed the purchase of a recycling scale so students could track the amount of recycled materials collected.
- Olga Lehman from LaMuth Middle School. Olga purchased copies of the books "The Science of Breakable Things", which focused on the positive.
- Jennifer Norris from Grant Elementary. Jennifer purchased Scholarship News Magazine, a non-fiction magazine to help build strong readers.
- Rachele Mielke from Perry H.S. Rachele zoomed to explain that podcasting equipment such as microphones and recorders were purchased to use for book reports and various projects planned for the future.
- The committee will start working again in October.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

The Secretary's report from the April 13, 2021 General Meeting was approved as written.

Treasurer Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of June 4, 2021 to be \$11,118.82, which includes Scholarship monies of \$3,151.16. The report will be filed for audit. Pat reported that the audit of the financial books was completed on May 17, 2021 and found to be all in order.

Lynn Miller reported the Social/Travel checking report as of June 8, 2021 to be \$3,466.89. The report will be filed for audit.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROGRAM:** Connie Irvin has invited the Lakeland Civic Flute Choir, under the direction of Judy Elias, to play for the September General Meeting.

**MEETING:** Sue McCarter reported that the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at St. John Vianney. The menu will be announced at a later time. Sue is contacting other venues for possible meeting luncheons.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL:** Kathy Kling discussed the following events:

- The Holland, Michigan Tulip Festival trip was held from May 6-8.
- Captain's Baseball – June 29<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are due by June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Four Villa Croatia Events:
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> – “Lights Out” – Tribute to Franki Valli & The Four Seasons
  - August 20<sup>th</sup> - “Walt Wise” – Tributes to Elton John & Billy Joel
  - Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – “The Diamond Project” – Tribute to Neil Diamond
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – “Halloween Party” with the ReBeats 1960's Tribute Band
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta – Oct. 8-13, 2021. Contact Sherry Niederkorn
- Nashville Aglow/Opryland Hotel – Dec. 8-11, 2021. Contact Sarah Reinhard
- Mississippi Riverboat Cruise – Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2022. Contact Sherry Niederkorn
- European Riverboat Cruise – Sept. of 2023. Contact Sherry Niederkorn.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Tom Moscovic reported on the following legislation:

- HB 154 – To repeal the failed state takeover law and restore local control. Supported by OEA. Passed.
- HB 239 – To reduce state-required testing and establish workgroups aimed at reducing the testing load on students. Supported by OEA. Passed.
- HB 305 – The Fair School Funding Plan. Supported by OEA. Passed the House.
- SB 89 – To expand performance-based eligibility for the EdChoice voucher program and increase income-based eligibility. Opposed by OEA. Passed.
- Voucher Amendment – The Senate floor vote to table an amendment to remove harmful voucher provisions from HB 166 passed. OEA opposed tabling the amendment.
- SB 31 – Overdose Awareness Day signed by Gov. DeWine.

**SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE:** Pat Newyear sent a get-well card to Robert Myotte and a Sympathy card to the family of Norma Kuzik.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Sherry Niederkorn mentioned that Marah Morrison had interviewed some members of LCRTA and written a nice article.

A committee from Lathrop School planted a tree at Lathrop Park in memory of Lillie Wilson.

**YEARBOOK:** Bonnie Lillibridge asked members to check to see if the information was correct in the yearbook. Members that did not receive the yearbook have now received it.

Ginny thanked Bonnie for her many years of service in putting the yearbook together..

**NEWSLETTER:** Karen Sawitke will need articles by August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Newsletter will be mailed on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The following new members will be recognized: Barbara Savage, Albert and Mary Alice Snyder, and Beth Taylor.

**WEBSITE:** Sherry Niederkorn discussed what information can be found on the website. Sherry would like a photo of the current officers at the Sept. meeting. Sherry also welcomed new retirees.

**NEW BUSINESS:** LCRTA is looking for a yearbook chairperson for 2022. The person must have knowledge of Microsoft Office Excel.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Sherry mentioned that Connie Irvin had appreciated her Gale's gift card.
- Lillian Spivey won the raffle of \$25 to Sheetz.
- The next Board Meeting will be Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00. Location TBA.
- The next General Meeting will be Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at St. John Vianney.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary