

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING  
MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OCTOBER 10, 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

- **Present:** Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Ginny Keller, Char Langer, Bonnie Lillibridge, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Tom Moscovic, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, and Karen Sawitke
- **Absent:** Janene Ishee, Dave Morse, Pat Newyear, Greta Pate, and Cathy Trepal.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 1:05.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the August 1, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of October 10, 2022 to be \$9,694.28, which included \$984.53 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Debbie Ludvik, the daughter of Virginia Mlakar, plans on giving \$2000.00 to LCRTA in Virginia's memory. Debbie would like to present the check to LCRTA at a meeting. Because Virginia taught elementary and middle school students, the board thought the gift should be given to that age school children. Pat will talk to Debbie to find out more details on how the money is to be spent and if this gift is a one-time gift or if it will continue in future years.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of October 10, 2022 to be \$3,787.32. The report will be filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROGRAM:** Connie Irvin reported that the program for the November meeting is to be Christmas at the White House, presented by Janet Weir Creighton.

Connie presented a list of program ideas for 2023 and asked for input from board members. One additional topic was suggested. Members were in favor of asking Rob McFee, Vice Chairman of STRS, to speak.

**MEETING CHAIR:** Sue McCarter has not been successful in finding a location for the November luncheon. The places that Sue has contacted are all quite expensive.

Karen Sawitke volunteered to talk to Glenn at St. John Vianney's to see if the luncheons could continue to be held at that facility.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Louise Bennet stated that Forbes House is to be the charity in November and that hygiene items are needed. Louise received a note from Hope Chest thanking LCRTA for the generous donations in September.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL:** Lynn Miller reported on the following:

- The committee is having a travel information meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Village Room at the Mentor Public Library. Members can also Zoom.
- Niagara Winter Festival of Lights – November 29-30, 2022. Sarah Reinhard is the contact person. Lynn was not sure if interested members could still sign up.
- The Great Rivers of Europe – October 6-21, 2023. There are 18 people registered. November 15<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off for getting a discount. Sherry Niederkorn said that 5 rooms were still open.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Tom Moscovic discussed the following:

- November 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. The deadline to register to vote is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Early voting is from Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and received by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Tom stressed the importance of having Education-friendly candidates voted in. Those candidates include Tim Ryan, David Joyce, DanTroy/Evan Rosborough.
- SB #361 -- State lawmakers are considering a bill that would allow military veterans to become teachers without any teacher license requirements.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Karen Sawitke revised the membership postcards to clarify how much is owed. The postcards will be sent out the last week of October and dues will be collected from November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Members adding Grant and Scholarship money can pay it all in one check. Dues must be received by December 15<sup>th</sup> in order for the member to be included in the yearbook. Pat Newyear will help Karen with the mailing.

There is one new member – Marilyn Elmore.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Tim Niederkorn would like to thank all members who have contributed to the Scholarship fund.

- Scholarship Committee Meetings will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.
- The next fund raising event will be a Dine-to-Donate at El Palanque (35520 Vine St., Eastlake) on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am -10:00 pm. Members can dine-in or carry-out.
- Another Dine-to-Donate will be held at Spirits of Willoughby (downtown) on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 7:00 pm. For this event 20% will go to the Scholarship fund.

**SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE:** Pat Newyear sent a card to Frances Johnson on the loss of her son and to Joyce Ristau for a broken shoulder.

**HISTORIAN:** Ginny announced that Marion Lipinski agreed to be the new Historian.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Sherry Niederkorn needs to be informed of where the November meeting will be held.

**NEWSLETTER:** Karen said that an article will appear in the newsletter concerning sending the newsletter electronically. If members that have email want a hard copy, they will have to pay for postage. Those without email will still have the newsletter mailed.

Sherry requested that the Social/Travel page be a part of the newsletter.

**TEACHER GRANT:** Karen sent a letter to all of the superintendents and has heard back from all except Mentor. Karen then sent information to all principals (except Mentor). Applications will be due by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet again in mid-January to make final decisions. Classwork for the Grant must be completed by the end of the school year. Sharon Hazen is a new member of the committee and Judith Grant is no longer a member of the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pat Humphrey presented the proposed budget for 2023. The Budget Committee consisted of Pat, Gail Allcock, Ginny Keller, Sue McCarter, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Barb Temple, and Cathy Trepal. The proposed budget is for \$4300, which is \$100 more than the previous year. Tom Moscovic moved to accept the proposed budget and Tim Niederkorn seconded the motion. Board members agreed.

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- Newsletter articles are due by October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Next General Meeting – Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57.

Debbie Deal

Recording Secretary