

**LCRТА BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
DECEMBER 5, 2022**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Cathy Trepal called the meeting to order at 1:05.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the October 10, 2022 meeting were approved with two name spelling corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of December 5, 2022 to be \$13,674.54, which included \$2,109.18 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of December 5, 2022 to be \$3,934.22. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: The program for the February meeting will be Dale Fellows who will be portraying George Washington.

MEETING CHAIR: Sue McCarter reported that Greta Pate had checked into meeting at Spirits of Willoughby. Greta said they would serve a lunch for \$18.00. Spirits would shut down the main dining room and would screen off the bar but there would still be noise from the bar area and there would be no mike or podium available. Sue stated that many places no longer serve lunch and if they do, it is expensive. Tom suggested only having something like pizza and salad. Pat mentioned that at the November General Meeting the membership voted on remaining at MUMC and having a choice of salad or wraps brought in. Board members voted to continue meeting at MUMC. Sue thanked Pat for all of her help in arranging the luncheon there in November.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise reported that Forbes House was very grateful for the generous donations. The charity for the February meeting will be Donna's Christmas at Grace Episcopal Church. Donations can include wrapping paper and any decorations.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Janene will have an article ready for the Newsletter and welcomes any topic suggestions.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Sherry reported on the following:

- April 16, 2023 - "Noises Off" at the Beck Center with optional dinner after
- April 19, 2023 - Sights Unseen in Cleveland with a luncheon
- May 30, 2023 - Lake County Captains Baseball Game
- June 9 -11, 2023 - Mackinac Island and Lilac Festival
- June 29, 2023 - "Anything Goes" at Rabbit Run Theater with optional dinner before
- September 14, 2023 - Ghost Walk of Willoughby
- October 6-21, 2023 - European Riverboat Cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna
- November 28 thru December 2, 2023 - Christmastime in Cape May
- 2024 - Hawaiian Cruise

LEGISLATIVE: Tom reported the following:

- With the exception of Dan Troy, those elected in November are unfriendly to public education. When students opt for leaving public education, the money is taken out of the public education fund.
- SB #178 –Hearings are set for a Republican-backed bill to take away most education duties from the state school board and putting them with the governor. This is just after Democrats won three out of five state school board seats. This is not the first time such a proposal has been put forward. For decades governors have sought to have more control over the state school board. Tom also mentioned that there are no STRS members on the state board. The STRS system is sustainable because it has been managed well.

- A proposal by Frank LaRosa is to raise the percent of votes needed to pass amendments from a simple majority plus one to 60% plus one. This will cause citizens to lose power to get changes on the ballot.
- When Marion asked how people can help, Tom replied to donate money to OEA.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen stated the following:

- 22 past members have not yet paid dues this fall. Karen passed around a list of the people for members to write comments on those listed. Karen will email the people and also mentioned that postcards have helped.
- There is one new member: Lori Baker from Chardon. Sylvia Jane Langford from Mentor has expressed an interest but has not yet paid.
- Karen sent letters to 10 Inactive members and received two responses in that one would like to remain on the list and that the other is deceased. Karen also stated that there are 1000's of retired people in Lake County that members need to invite to get involved.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim sent the following report:

- The Scholarship Committee met on December 1st at FedEx (Rt. 615) where members copied documents, stuffed and labeled envelopes, and then mailed the documents. The deadline for completed applications to be received by LCRTA via PDF email attachments is March 17, 2023.
- The Dine-to-Donate at El Palanque earned \$165.45.
- The next two events will be at Texas Roadhouse in Willoughby on January 30, 2023 and at Spirits of Willoughby on May 17, 2023.
- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the scholarship fund.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Clarence Bowers' brother passed away. Pat Newyear wishes to be replaced.

HISTORIAN: Marion reported receiving information from Ginny and pictures from Sherry to update the scrapbook.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry sent word that an article will be written to promote the February 14th Luncheon. Sherry will need information from Connie Irvin (info on Dale Fellows and the program), Sue McCarter (menu, location, cost), Louise Bennet (donations wanted) and anyone (who has something they would like in the article) for the Press Release.

Sherry also sent a copy of the 2023 meeting schedule.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie and Char are waiting for the membership deadline.

NEWSLETTER: Karen will need the articles by January 6, 2023 so the Newsletter can go to the printer on the 8th or 9th. One person gave \$10.00 to have the Newsletter come by mail.

TEACHER GRANT: Applications are due by December 31st. Karen has only received 4 applications so far.

WEBSITE: Sherry has the website up to date.

DIRECTORS: Ginny will be on the Board of Directors for 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ginny Keller has volunteered to be President-Elect.
- Sherry sent an email about a Financial Literacy job in Mentor.
- A question was brought up concerning people that are not members that come to luncheons more than one time. Discussion followed and it was decided that those people should be asked if they would be interested in joining as a member or associate member.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Next General Meeting – February 14, 2023
- Next Board Meeting – March 6, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary