

**LCRТА BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND LIBRARY
MARCH 2, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS

- **PRESENT:** Sherry Barbieri, Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Terri Herbert, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Virginia Keller, Bonnie Lillibridge, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Dave Morse, Tom, Moscovic, Sherry Niederkorn, and Tim Niederkorn
- **ABSENT:** Pat Newyear and Karen Sawitke
- **EXCUSED:** Greta Pate
- **GUEST:** Cheryl Sekura from Geauga County Retired Teachers Association

CALL TO ORDER: President Terri Herbert called the meeting to order at 1:05. Terri introduced our guest, Cheryl Sekura.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of March 2, 2020 to be \$11,199.27, which includes \$2,476.61 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also reported that the 2019 financial books were audited and approved on February 14, 2020. Pat submitted the revenue and expense breakdown for 2019.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of March 2, 2020 to be \$4031.35. The report will be filed for audit. The February 11th Luncheon Social/Travel Treasurer's Report was corrected to state that \$.16 of the total interest was the only monies added to the account since Jan. 1, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet was asked to contact Lake House as a possible charity to consider. It was determined to pass on that charity because Lake House only accepts donations. The Salvation Army will be the April charity.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Terri Herbert’s article for the Bellringer will be on the new compliant license.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL:

- Three Fine Art programs – “A Stroll Down Broadway” on March 4, 2020; “Spring Fling Cabaret” on May 6, 2020; “Chicago” on June 10, 2020.
- Holland Tulip Festival from May 7-9, 2020.
- Lake County Captains on June 19, 2020.
- Beck Center in Lakewood – “Something Rotten” on July 30, 2020.
- Rabbit Run – “Always Patsy Cline” on August 21, 2020.
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta from October 9-14, 2020.
- Biltmore and the Smokies at Christmas from Dec. 5-9, 2020.

The Winery Tour was cancelled because the deposit required was not refundable.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported on vouchers, EdChoice and your taxes.

All dollars that are earmarked for vouchers are taken from taxes and reduce the funding to local public schools, which results in the need for local school levies. Senate Bill 89 eliminates the performance-based EdChoice voucher, which awards students a private school voucher if the local school building fails on even a single state report card measure. Statewide, under SB 89, the number of eligible buildings would drop from potentially 1227 to 343 next year.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported that completed applications are due on March 20th.

- The applications will be sent to the committee for reading and scoring on April 10th.
- The committee will meet on April 24th to select the finalists.
- The finalist interviews will be held May 5-6th.
- The winners will be notified on May 8th.

Dine-to-Donates

- The first Dine-to-Donate was held on February 18th at TGI Friday's and raised \$122.85.
- The second Dine-to-Donate will be held on March 4th at Max and Erma's in Mentor.
- The third Dine-to-Donate will be held on April 16th at Baker's Square in Mentor.

Flyers for these events are available can be downloaded and printed from the LCRTA website.

Members are encouraged to keep the LCRTA Scholarship Fund in mind when considering annual giving and estate planning.

HISTORIAN: Virginia Keller reported that everything is up to date and will be brought to the general meetings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn will send out a press release on the upcoming general meeting. There was a nice page article on LCRTA in the Gazette Newspapers.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: The family of Ann Kassing sent LCRTA a \$50 gift for the Scholarship fund. Pat Humphrey sent the family a Thank You note.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge has received the first proof of the yearbook. Bonnie reported there are 182 members and after a discussion, it was decided that 210 yearbooks should be printed.

NEWSLETTER: Karen Sawitke needs to have the articles for the newsletter by March 6th.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn has put a calendar on the website. It was reported that Karen Sawitke received a bill for the website. This should not have occurred because Weebly is a free site.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The joint meeting with GCRTA on April 14th will be held in the front room at the Kirtlander Party Center.
Sue McCarter reported that the menu for the April meeting will include Sirloin Tips or Eggplant Roll-ups, roasted mixed vegetables, fingerling potatoes, salad, rolls, and cheesecake. The price will be \$20.50.
Separate tables for the two groups will be available for registration, name tags, donations, secretary/treasurer reports, travel, etc.
GCRTA will provide small plants as centerpieces, which will be given away.
Dave Morse reported that the speaker is Randy Overbeck, past ORTA President and author.
- Tom Moscovic questioned if the meal could move along faster. At the last general meeting there was a 30-minute delay between the salad and the main course. A suggestion was made that the salads already be out in advance.
- Pat Humphrey mentioned that last month the price of the meal for members and guests was the same as that charged by the Kirtlander. Board Members agreed that it would be best to have a cushion. Further discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Joint Meeting: LCRTA/GCRTA April 14, 2020 at the Kirtlander at 11:00 a.m.

Board Meeting: May 4, 2020 at Kirtland Library at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Debbie Deal