

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAY 1, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Pat Humphrey, Janene Ishee, Connie Irvin, Ginny Keller, Char Langer, Marion Lipinski, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Tom Moscovic, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, and Cathy Trepal.

ABSENT: Bonnie Lillibridge, David Morse, Greta Pate and Karen Sawitke

President Cathy Trepal called the meeting to order at 1:03.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of May 1, 2023 to be \$11,283.50 which included \$2,858.05 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat included corrected copies of the April and March reports. Pat reported that the 990-N form was filed with the IRS on April 21, 2023.

SOCIAL TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of May 1, 2023 to be \$3,808.62. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Connie Irvin stated that the program for the June meeting will be recognizing the Scholarship winners and hearing from the Teacher Grant winners. Connie is considering a program for February on artificial intelligence. Connie would appreciate knowing of a person to contact.

MEETING CHAIR: Sue McCarter stated that the menu has not been decided for the June meeting. The cost of the luncheon will be raised to \$16.50 in order that all costs are covered. Sue reminded members that every person must enter through the Gallery at Mentor United Methodist Church for this meeting. Sue appreciated that many members stayed after at the March meeting to help clean up. Members of the board asked for the food to be delivered at 11:15 so as not to disrupt the program.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet reported that donations will be given to the Salvation Army. Items to be donated include school supplies, books, clothing, and non-perishable food items.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Janene Ishee will have an article ready for the newsletter.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller discussed the following events:

- May 30, 2023 - Lake County Captains Baseball Game. Checks payable to LCRTA should be given to Sherry Niederkorn by May 16th. Tickets are \$12/Parking \$8.
- June 9-11, 2023 - Mackinac Island and Lilac Festival. No sweats or shorts are allowed. The contact is Kathy Kling.
- June 29, 2023 - "Anything Goes" at Rabbit Run. Checks of \$26 need to be given to Sherry Niederkorn by June 1st. There are 5 tickets left. Participants are invited to Jennifer Williams' house for dinner.
- September 14, 2023 - Ghost Walk of Willoughby. The contact is Gail Allcock. Participants should meet at 7:30 at 36 Public Square. The cost is \$18.00. Cathi Weber has written a book entitled Haunted Willoughby, Ohio.
- October 6-21, 2023 — "The Great Rivers of Europe" Riverboat Cruise. The contact is Sherry Niederkorn.
- November 28-December 2, 2023 - Cape May at Christmastime. The contact is Sarah Reinhard.
- October 10-19, 2024— Trip to Hawaii
- There will be Interest Forms at the next meeting. The committee is looking for new members.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported some good and some bad news.

- Bill 33 – This will provide more money for public schools, will raise the minimum teacher salary, and will repeal the retention provision of the third grade reading guarantee. By July 1, 2024, the Ohio Department of Education will be required to develop measures to compare voucher students with public education students. The bill also appropriates \$100 million in FY 2024 for the Career-Technical Construction Program.
- The House may vote on a proposed constitutional amendment that would require 60% of the vote to pass. This would strip away the basic principle of majority rule. Tom urges members to email state representatives to oppose House Joint Resolution 1 and Senate Joint Resolution 2.
- OEA members testified against HB #11. This would create a universal voucher program where taxpayer funds would pay for private school tuition or homeschooling.

MEMBERSHIP: New members include Gail Lamberton, Charles Stenger and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schmidt.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported the following:

- Eight scholarship semi-finalists were interviewed on April 25-26th by Tim, Sherry Niederkorn, Cathy Trepal, Connie Irvin, and Bev Lee. Three winners were selected.
- The winners include Kaitlyn Newsome (Perry), Douglas Slovenkay (Mentor), and Brooke Snyder (North). The students, guidance departments and principals have been notified. Checks will be mailed in the fall. The goal is to award \$1000 to each student; however, the funds are not quite there yet. Lunch will be provided for the three students.
- Two fundraising events have been scheduled.
 - Spirits of Willoughby on Wednesday, May 17th from 11-7 (20% event)
 - Red Robin in Willoughby on Thursday June 22nd from 4-8 (20% event)

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Ginny Keller sent out a Thinking of You card and a sympathy card to Lynda & Ken Krstolic on the death of a sister, a Thinking of You card to Pat Newyear for physical issues, a card to Bonnie Lillibridge and Terry Weaver for having Covid, a card to Ed Herbst following knee surgery, and a sympathy card to the family of Susan Beyerle upon her death.

HISTORIAN: Marion Lipinski reported that the yearbook is up to date except for some pictures from the last meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn will submit articles for the upcoming luncheon and for the scholarship and grant winners.

YEARBOOK: Char Langer reported that 175 yearbooks were printed and 144 have been distributed. The cost of production was \$633.75 and the cost of stamps was \$50.40 for a total cost of \$684.15. Thank you to Char and Bonnie Lillibridge.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the May issue of the newsletter are due by Friday, May 5th (Sunday at the latest).

TEACHER GRANT: Grant recipients will be contacted this week about the luncheon in June. The names and projects will be printed in the Bellringer if there is room.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn is constantly updating.

NEW BUSINESS

- UH Hospital (Tripoint and West) are in need of volunteers.
- Cathy Trepal mentioned that the EOUV Hall in Novelty might be a possibility for the luncheons because they do not charge a fee to reserve.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Next General Meeting – June 13, 2023. Next Board Meeting – August 7, 2023

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary