

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS

- **PRESENT:** Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Pat Humphrey, Virginia Keller, Bonnie Lillibrige, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Dave Morse, Tom Moscovic, Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, and Karen Sawitke
- **ABSENT:** Sherry Barbieri, Terri Herbert, Connie Irvin, and Greta Pate

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Morse called the meeting to order at 1:09.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the June 17, 2020 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of August 3, 2020 to be \$7,717.93, which includes \$222.28 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 August 3, 2020 to be \$3,940.28. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: David Morse stated that a program chair would be needed for 2021.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet wrote an article for the Bellringer that stated that members can continue to offer help to the community by donating. Louise listed three organizations that could be considered: The Lake Humane Society, Hope Chest, and McKinley Outreach Center. Louise also reminded members to turn in volunteer hours for June-August.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller stated that the Albuquerque trip has been cancelled. The new dates are October 8-13, 2021. The Biltmore and Smokies at Christmas trip is still on for December 5-9, 2020. The final payment is due to Sarah Reinhard by October 5, 2020.

There will not be an Informational Meeting this year. The Social Committee has included an Interest Form in the Bellringer that can be mailed to Kathy Kling by September 10th.

Bev Lee has resigned from the Social/Travel Committee and Virginia Keller has volunteered to join the committee.

LEGISLATURE: Tom Moscovic reported that the Center of Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend Coronavirus testing for all students and staff. Testing should be done only on students and staff who show symptoms of the virus and those that may have had exposure to infected individuals. Many schools will regularly screen students and isolate any that show symptoms; however, that will not catch asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic cases.

Ohio dropped from 27th to 31st of all states for overall childhood well-being according to 2018 data reported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The indicators are grouped into four areas: economic, education, health, and family/community. Ohio dropped from 16th in 2017 to 28th in 2018 in education.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Sawitke reported that there are 182 members in LCRTA, which includes inactives.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported that the committee has received class schedules from the three scholarship recipients and checks have been mailed. Alyssa Desotell sent a Thank-you note. Tim also reported that the committee will reconvene in September and that any member wishing to join the committee should contact Tim via email: tim.niederkorn@gmail.com

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Pat Newyear sent a card to Dona Singerman on the loss of her sister and to Char Langer on the loss of her mother. A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Karen Sawitke.

HISTORIAN: Virginia Keller reported that everything is up to date.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn stated that everything is on hold. An article about the September 14th meeting will be sent to the media in August.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge had nothing to report.

NEWSLETTER/TEACHER GRANT: Karen Sawitke reported that last year's grant winners will be carried over to this year. The winners will report in June if there is a meeting. The August Bellringer is in the mail. The next newsletter will be sent in October.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn would like to have a few minutes to talk to the general membership on September 14th concerning utilizing the website. Sherry included some website information in the Bellringer.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Humphrey mentioned that the Budget Committee would be meeting and could use one more general member on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sue McCarter reported that the Nominating Committee, which included Sue, Gail Allcock, Claire Sonewald, Anita Daniels, and Lynda Krstolic, was not successful in finding a member to agree to be President-Elect.
- Voting will take place by mailing members a postcard which includes return postage. Karen reported the cost of the postcards to be \$65.00 and the postage to be \$140.00. The postcards need to be sent by August 15th and returned to Terri Herbert by August 31st. The results will be announced at the September 14th Zoom meeting. In addition to the voting, Karen asked if Social/Travel would like to include the Interest Form as part of the mailing. Lynn felt that it was too late to make a change from what was printed in the August Bellringer. Dave would like to meet with Terri and compose a note/question to members concerning how important members feel LCRTA is.
- A discussion on how to fund the mailing of the postcards was held. Pat Humphrey looked at the budget and found available fund possibilities. Pat Newyear moved and Louise Bennet seconded to transfer \$100 from Door Prizes and \$50 from Miscellaneous into Legislature, which had \$100. The motion was accepted by the board.
- Sherry Niederkorn suggested having a speaker as part of the September General Meeting to entice more members to Zoom. Sherry spoke to Dr. John Grabowski, Professor of Applied History at Case Western Reserve. For a fee of \$50.00, Dr. Grabowski is willing to speak for about 20 minutes on "Our Last Great Pandemic: Similarities between COVID-19 and The Spanish Flu".
- Reports for the General Meeting are to be given to Sherry by September 8th. Members will receive notice about the meeting on September 9th and will have the opportunity to sign up for the meeting and receive training on how to Zoom, if needed.

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- A new facility is being built in Kirtland called The Barn at the Tall Oaks. It may provide a possible new venue if not too expensive.
- Next General Meeting via Zoom will be on September 14, 2020
- Next Board Meeting via Zoom will be on October 5, 2020.

Pat Newyear moved and Sue McCarter seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary