

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND LIBRARY
AUGUST 5, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 1:06.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of August 5, 2019 to be \$8,366.29, which includes \$233.89 in scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of August 5, 2019 to be \$3,982.98. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: Dave Morse stated that the September meeting program will be on Cleveland breweries and the November meeting program will be on Alexander Hamilton.

MEETINGS: Karen Sawitke read Sue McCarter's report. The September 10th meeting will be held in the back room of the Kirtlander Party Center. The menu will include pork scaloppini, fingerling potatoes, carrot and broccoli medley or eggplant parmesan. The dessert will be a sheet cake.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet suggested United Way for the September charity. Karen requested that a different charity be considered. Louise said that Hannah's Home had not been chosen for a while, so it was decided to choose Hannah's Home.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Terri Herbert's article for the Bellringer will be on how volunteering benefits you.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Bev Lee is a new member of the social/travel committee. Members and guests recently traveled to Flight 93 Memorial and Falling Water and also attended a Captain's baseball game.

Reservations for the Rabbit Run performance of "My Way" on August 23rd is closed.

The 24 people traveling to Australia and New Zealand are invited to attend a get together at Linda Krstolic's house on September 17th.

The December 6-9, 2019 trip to Williamsburg has 33 signed up. A few more spots are available. People interested in the trip to Albuquerque October 9-14, 2020 should contact Sherry Barbieri. The committee is planning a meeting for Nov. 14, 2019. Reservations for the room at Mentor Library cannot be made until August 14th.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported that Gov. DeWine signed the budget for Ohio schools. Funding will increase by \$263 million for the 2019-2020 school year, which is a 4% increase, with a 2% increase slated for 2020-2021. The bill also provides for \$20 million for districts to purchase school buses.

New high school graduation standards will begin with incoming high school freshman in the class of 2023.

Tom read a portion of a Facebook post by Florida teacher Jonathan Carroll stating, "I will not miss what education has become".

Ohio's public-school system ranked 28th in the nation. It accounts for class size, funding, instructor credentials, safety, and performance. Ohio ranked 13th for math test scores and 15th for reading test scores

Student college debt is still higher in Ohio than in many states despite Ohio's college tuition increasing at slower rates. It is the 17th highest in the nation according to Wallet Hub.

SCHOLARSHIP: Sherry Niederkorn read Tim's report. The 2019 scholarship winners were each awarded \$1200. The recipients were Katherine Patty from Mentor and Gabrielle Taylor from Wickliffe.

The committee plans to expand the "Dine-to-Donate" events in the coming year. The committee would like to explore a corporate giving program and a member bequest program.

Tim wishes to thank Judy Grant, Linda Krstolic, Jane Pastor, and Dona Singerman for serving on the committee. Any LCRTA members are welcome to join the committee.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Pat Newyear sent a get-well card to Joyce Grady for shoulder surgery and to Karen Sawitke for back surgery. A card was also sent to Gail Allcock on the death of her husband.

HISTORIAN: Virginia Keller thanked Sherry for pictures and reported that the scrapbook is up to date and on display at the luncheons.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn stated that an article will be written to invite retirees to the September meeting and to join LCRTA.

YEARBOOK: Corrections have been made, but Kathy Kling's information is still incorrect.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn has made updates.

TEACHER GRANTS/NEWSLETTER: Karen stated that the application for teacher grants is going to change a bit. Karen would also like a hard copy of the newsletter to be sent to all Lake County schools. Karen also suggested looking into being on Facebook.

DISCUSSIONS:

- ORTA has moved effective August 12, 2019. The new address is 250 East Wilson Bridge Road Suite 150, Worthington, Ohio 43085.
- The Nominating Committee deadline to submit the slate is September 10th. A President-Elect is needed. General members include Jane Pastor and Sally McIndoe. Virginia Keller volunteered to be the board member on the committee.
- Membership: Karen has received a CD of recent retirees. Three postcards will be sent out: one to current members, one to life members for donations, and one to recent retirees. Dues are needed by December 15th. An invitation to the September and November luncheons will be included.
- The Budget Committee will meet at Pat Humphrey's house on August 26th at 10:00 a.m.
- Karen attached a Status Report for ORTA to the agenda.
- Elaine Courtney moved into Breckinridge. The new address is 36500 Euclid Avenue A 462, Willoughby, Ohio 44094.
- Greta Pate wishes to be excused from board meetings because it is difficult for her to hear the discussions.
- Newsletter articles are due on August 9, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary