

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAY 2, 2022**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting were approved after one correction made by Louise Bennet.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of May 2, 2022 to be \$12,097.00, which included \$3419.35 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also reported that the 990-N Form was filed with the IRS on 4/29/2022.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of May 2, 2022 to be \$4,956.67. The report will be filed for audit. Lynn made the suggestion to reduce the number of paper reports on tables for General Meetings to save paper. It was decided to place 2 agendas, 2 treasurer reports, and 4 secretary minutes on each table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Connie Irvin reported that Bill Quinn will present a program on the U.S. Flag in honor of Flag Day. Connie is checking to see if a Boy Scout would be available to bring in the flag. There will also be trivia questions. Louise Bennet is donating a flag to be used at the meetings. The Scholarship recipients will also be presented at the meeting.

MEETING CHAIR: Sue McCarter received word after the last general meeting that the staff at St. John Vianney was upset because some of the members were being rude. Sue stressed that members need to be patient. An announcement will be made at the next General Meeting. The menu for June 14th will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and carrots or Pasta Primavera.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet reported that the Salvation Army will be the recipient of donations in June. The Salvation Army needs food and school supplies. The September charity will be Hope Chest. It was decided to discontinue with a free lunch for the member with the most volunteer hours.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller reported that members will be asked to fill out a Social/Travel Information Survey at the June meeting. Lynn also discussed the following events:

- Lake County Captains Baseball Game – June 28, 2022. Look on the website for the form and mail the check to Sherry Niederkorn by June 12, 2022.
- “Something Rotten” at the Beck Center – July 17, 2022. There are 22 reservations in and 8 more can be taken. Mail the check to Sherry Niederkorn.
- “Newsies” at Rabbit Run Theater – August 4, 2022. Members can meet for dinner before the show at Perry Family Restaurant. Checks are due to Sherry Niederkorn by July 7, 2022.
- Mississippi Riverboat Cruise – Sept. 25-October 3, 2022. There is a wait list. Pre and post additions are available.
- Niagara Winter Festival of Lights – Nov. 29-30, 2022. Passports or passcards are needed. The contact person is Sarah Reinhard.
- The Great Rivers of Europe – Oct. 6-21, 2023 with possible add-ons. A 10% discount is offered for full payment by check or cash before July 5, 2022.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported on the following:

- The Primary Election will be held on May 3rd. Because districts have yet to be decided on, a second primary will be held on Aug. 2nd, which will cost \$22 million. With the second primary being so late, it will be difficult to organize the LCRTA Candidate Luncheon in September.
- The STRS election voting ends May 2nd. OEA endorses Rita Walters.
- HB 616 - This bill prohibits and restricts how race, racism, sexual orientation, and gender identity are acknowledged, taught, and discussed in Ohio schools. It would give parents more control over what children learn.
- HB 497 – This would eliminate the requirement that 3rd Graders repeat the grade based on the English Language Arts assessment score. Schools would still have to offer remediation for students that are behind.
- SB 120 – This would increase the maximum annual amount a teacher can claim as an income tax deduction for out-of-pocket professional development and classroom supplies from \$250 to \$1000.
- Where Ohio ranks in the nation: Average teacher starting salary - #37. Average teacher salary - #18. Per student spending - #24.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported the following:

- The following students were selected for interviews: Monica Kline (Perry), Maddie Petric (North), Rachel Radkowski (Madison), Madelynn Stevenson (Perry), Lanie Tobie (Perry) and Paige Veselko (Riverside).
- Interviews will take place on May 4th at North H.S. On May 5th the winners and schools will be notified. The scholarship awards will be presented at the June 14th General Membership meeting.
- The Texas Roadhouse Dine-to-Donate earned \$95.76.
- The next Dine-to-Donate will be held at the Chipotle in Willoughby on May 24th from 4-8 p.m. It is a 33% event.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Pat Newyear had knee replacement on April 18th. Ginny will send her a card.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn will send a press release for the June meeting.

YEARBOOK: Char Langer reported that a total of 190 yearbooks were printed. To date 158 have been distributed. The cost of yearbook production was \$611.33 and the cost of stamps was \$92.80 for a total cost of \$704.13.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn reported that the treasurer reports will be added to the website beginning in 2022. Sherry also added the Virginia Mlakar memorial.

NEW BUSINESS

- A member contacted Ginny and wanted LCRTA to become involved with Social Media. A discussion was held and all agreed not to pursue this.
- Greta Pate has agreed to write the Informative/Protective Services article for the next Bellringer. Janene Ishee may agree to accept this position.
- A Nominating Committee consisting of one Board member and two General Meeting members needs to be formed for the President-Elect position.
- Newsletter articles are due by Friday, May 6th.
- At one time a letter was sent to recent retirees from the Lake County schools to encourage joining LCRTA. Ginny will check with Karen Sawitke on details.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Debbie Deal - Recording Secretary