

**LCRТА BOARD MEETING  
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** The minutes from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of October 4, 2021 to be \$8,139.38, which includes \$564.47 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit.

Pat also presented the proposed budget for 2022. Pat thanked committee members Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Ginny Keller, Bev Lee, Barb Temple, and Tim Niederkorn. Dave Morse motioned to approve the budget and Sue McCarter seconded the motion. Board members voted to approve. The proposed budget will be presented at the next General Meeting.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER’S REPORT:** Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of October 4, 2021 to be \$4097.54. The report will be filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LEGISLATIVE:** Tom Moscovic discussed House Bills 322 and 327, which the Ohio Council for Social Studies firmly opposes. Tom encouraged members to contact state representatives to oppose the two bills.

- House Bill 322 prohibits public entities from requiring discussion of current events and prohibits the teaching of a list of topics dealing with race, sex, slavery, and bias. It also targets history and civic courses, discouraging the discussion of current events, controversial issues, or activities that involve social or policy advocacy. Moreover, the legislation specifies that teachers cannot be required to teach anything that goes against their “sincerely held religious or philosophical convictions”.
- House Bill 327 prohibits teaching, instruction, or training on “divisive concepts” or accepting private funding to promote such concepts. The bill has a list of concepts related to race, sex, nationality, color, and ethnicity that it defines as divisive and therefore prohibited. The bill does state that divisive or controversial concepts can be taught if done so objectively and impartially.

**PROGRAM:** Dave Morse reported that Randy Overbeck wishes to speak after lunch at the November meeting. Program Chair Connie Irvin heard positive comments from members concerning having the program before lunch and asked for Board comments. Pat Newyear moved to have the programs before lunch and Tim Niederkorn seconded the motion. A discussion ensued and since Randy had already told Dave that he wished to speak after lunch, Tom suggested not starting the policy until 2022.

Ginny thanked Connie for scheduling the Lakeland Flute Choir. Ginny wrote a note to Dr. Adam Cloutier, Dean of Arts and Science at Lakeland, stating that the Lakeland Flute Choir had presented a nice program.

**MEETING CHAIR:** Sue McCarter stated that the luncheon would include Chicken Marsala or spaghetti. Pat Humphrey mentioned that last month the price of the luncheon netted a profit of \$211.50. Board Members decided to keep the November luncheon at the same price since it is unclear whether the cost will be raised for future luncheons.

Ginny discussed the combined luncheon planned with GCRTA for April. Ginny had talked to Cheryl Secura from GCRTA and said that GCRTA wished to be in charge of the program. Board members felt that LCRТА should be in charge of everything when hosting. Ginny planned on calling Cheryl to discuss the meeting further. Connie would appreciate program suggestions.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Louise Bennet stated that donations at the next General Meeting would be collected for Lake Humane Society. Louise is considering changing the Volunteer Hours to a format that would be recorded and turned in one time a year. Members questioned the value of keeping track concerning whether the state is still interested in having that information. Louise will contact ORТА to check.

**INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** Terri Herbert will submit an article.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL:** Lynn discussed the following events:

- Dec. 5, 2021 at Fine Arts – “Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> St.” Reservations due by Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Dec. 8-11, 2021 – Nashville Aglow. Final payment due by October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- April 10, 2022 Fine Arts – “Ten Below”. Reservations due by March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Beck Center – July 2022
- Rabbit Run – Summer 2022
- Mississippi River Boat Cruise – Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2022
- Riverboat Cruise of the Great Rivers – Fall of 2023. Deposit of \$500 can be paid to Grand Circle.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Karen Sawitke reported that LCRTA has 161 members (not including Inactives) with the possibility of adding two that were members in the past. Karen will email a list of newly retired teachers with the hopes that board members will reach out to any person the member may know. Membership cards will be sent out on November 1<sup>st</sup> and should be returned to Karen between November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Constitution:** On September 1, 2021 the Constitution Committee consisting of Ginny Keller, Tim Niederkorn, Karen Sawitke, and Cathy Trepal met to determine the length of time Inactives should be on the list to receive the Bellringer. The committee recommends the following: A member will be considered as Inactive for three years and will receive all LCRTA communications during that period of time. After three years, the member will be dropped from the Inactive list, unless a request is made by the Inactive member or family member to remain on the list for another year, the deadline being December 31<sup>st</sup>. This recommendation will begin in 2022.

Tim moved to approve the addendum to the Constitution regarding Inactive status as recommended by the committee. Cathy seconded the motion, which was accepted by the Board. The addendum will be presented to the General membership in November.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles need to be sent to Karen by October 8<sup>th</sup>. In the future, the deadline for the newsletter may have to be changed due to slower mail service. Pat Humphrey suggested putting a reminder in the newsletter for members to choose email in order to save postage.

**TEACHER GRANTS:** Karen reported that the Grant Committee voted not to offer grants this school year due to Covid. Grants will return in the 2022-2023 school year.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Tim Niederkorn reported that meetings have been scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. A Dine-to-Donate was held at Texas Roadhouse where \$115.00 was raised. A second Dine-to-Donate was held at Outback Steakhouse where \$427.02 was raised.

The next Dine-to-Donate will be held at Chipotle Mexican Grill at 9188 Mentor Avenue in Mentor on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. Purchases can be made online or in person with 33% going to LCRTA. Flyers will be available at the November meeting.

Tim thanked members for donations. The Scholarship Basket in September brought in \$118.00.

**SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE:** Pat Newyear sent a sympathy card to Clarence Bowers on the death of a friend.

**HISTORIAN:** Ginny reported that the scrapbook is up-to-date.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Sherry Niederkorn would like to have information on the menu and on the speaker for the November meeting.

**NEWSLETTER:** Sherry has the website up to date, including some new pictures.

**YEARBOOK:** Bonnie Lillibridge will keep records up to date. Bonnie still needs a replacement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A program will be needed for the June meeting since there will not be Grant presentations.

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

- General Meeting – November 9, 2021
- Board Meeting – December 6, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary