

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
OCTOBER 2, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Joyce Dick, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Janene Ishee, Ginny Keller, Char Langer, Bonnie Lillibridge, Marion Lipinski, Lynn Miller, Tom Moscovic, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Karen Sawitke, Mary Sleeman, and Cathy Szuter

ABSENT: David Morse and Greta Pate

President Cathy Szuter called the meeting to order at 1:02.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the August Board Meeting were approved with one correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of October 2, 2023 to be \$10,675.82 which included \$395.55 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also presented the proposed budget for 2024. Tom Moscovic moved to accept the proposed budget and Cathy Szuter seconded the motion. Members agreed to accept the proposed budget. It will be presented to the general membership at the November meeting. Budget committee members included Pat, Gail Allcock, Debbie Deal, Tim Niederkorn, Cathy Szuter, and Barb Temple.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of October 2, 2023 to be \$3,849.74. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Connie Irvin reported that Rebecca McFarland would be speaking on the Cleveland Years of Eliot Ness at the November meeting.

MEETING: Co-chairs Mary Sleeman and Joyce Dick reported that LCRTA would now be meeting at The Kirtlander. The plan is to have hot meals (\$26) in November and February and to have cold meals (\$22) in April and June.

Karen Sawitze will take reservations and make the name tags.

The menu for November includes chicken piccata or stuffed portabella mushroom with salad, rolls, long grain rice, green beans, and cake.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet selected Hope Chest for the charity in November. Hope Chest requested winter items such as gloves, hats, boots, hoodies, blankets, and sheets.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: The following events were discussed:

- Ghost Walk of Willoughby – 23 people heard about the history of Willoughby and ghosts.
- European River Cruise – 18 people travelled to Europe
- Info Meeting – A meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th at Mentor Public Library at 1:30 to discuss future trips. Wendy Skettle will discuss the trip to Hawaii.
- Cape May trip – 11 people were signed up for the trip, but 18 were needed.
- February 25, 2024 -- "Cats" will be presented at the Fine Arts Building in Willoughby. Tickets will be \$21 as long as there is a group of 10. Kathy Kling is the contact.
- October 10-20, 2024 -- Hawaiian Cruise

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic discussed the following topics:

- A new Ohio law effective October 3, 2023 will require individualized seizure action plans and staff training for each school district, community schools and chartered nonpublic schools.
- The Ohio Redistricting Commission adopted the 6th version of Statehouse maps. The maps still could be challenged by the Ohio Supreme Court for undue partisan favoritism.
- Vouchers award Ohio tax dollars to private religious schools that discriminate against the LGBTQ+. Because of discriminations, vouchers are on trial in Ohio.
- Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT are a concern for schools. Schools need to find ways to use technology for the benefit of teaching and learning while being aware of potential downsides.
- Tom encouraged members to learn about the people running for school board before voting.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Sawitke stated that Jennifer Williams is a returning member to LCRTA and that Denise Brewster is a new member. Postcards to renew membership were sent out the first week of November and are due by December 15, 2023.

TEACHER GRANT: Karen reported that grant letters were sent to the superintendents on October 15th. Letters were then sent to principals.

Ginny Keller and Karen plan on meeting to discuss the teacher grant and Mlakar letters.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported that the scholarship committee will meet on Friday, November 3rd at Kirtland Library at 9:00 am. The committee members include Tim, Denise Brewster, Connie Irvin, Lynda Krstolic, Bev Lee, Marion Lipinski, Jane Pastor, and Cathy Szuter.

New members are welcome.

The Dine-to-Donate at Panda Express netted \$29.34.

Tim wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to the scholarship fund.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Ginny Keller sent a card to Cathy and Brian Szuter on their wedding, "Thinking of You" cards to Carolyn Arwood and Connie Irvin, and a Sympathy card to the family of Shirley Coffin.

HISTORIAN: Marion Lipinski has the scrapbook up to date and thanked Sherry Niederkorn for pictures from the Ghost Walk.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry will write articles for the upcoming luncheon.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the newsletter are due in to Karen by October 6th. The newsletter will be sent out on October 13th.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn created a page for the Mlakar Enrichment Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cathy asked board members to start thinking about the President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer positions that will need to be filled next year.
- One Director is needed this year. Cathy will ask at the meeting in November.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Next General Meeting – Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at The Kirtlander
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, December 4, 2023 at Kirtland Public Library

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary