

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Ginny Keller, Bonnie Lillibridge, Lynn Miller, Tom Moscovic, Karen Sawitke, Mary Sleeman, and Cathy Szuter.

ABSENT: Joyce Dick, Char Langer, Marion Lipinski, David Morse, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, and Greta Pate.

President Cathy Szuter called the meeting to order at 1:00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the October meeting were approved with one spelling correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of December 4, 2023 to be \$13,891.78 which included \$1,293.29 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 December 4, 2023 to be \$3,800.11. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Connie Irvin asked for input on the November speaker, Mark Dawidziak. Many of Mark's talks are longer than the time that is allotted for the program. The board voted to keep the program to 40 minutes and for Mark to speak on Rod Serling.

MEETING: Mary Sleeman asked for feedback on the luncheon at The Kirtlander. Members were generally pleased except for the coolness of the room. Some suggestions were made about having eight to a table, having a flag, and having a podium with a mike.

There will be a need to increase the price to \$27.00 for the meetings with a hot meal. The April and June meetings will have a cold meal for \$22.00.

The menu for the February meeting will include Chicken Roulade with mashed potatoes and asparagus or cheese ravioli with marinara sauce and grilled vegetables with caramel custard for dessert.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet announced that Lake Humane Society will be the charity for February. Mary suggested Subzero as a charity possibility.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: The following events were discussed:

- "Cats" at Fine Arts in Willoughby – February 25, 2024. The contact is Kathy Kling.
- Lake County Captains Baseball Game – May 24, 2024. The contact is Sherry Niederkorn.
- Finger Lakes and Rochester – a possible trip in May, July, or August.
- "Tuesdays with Morrie" at Rabbit Run – June 27, 2024 with an optional dinner beforehand.
- "Beautiful, The Carole King Musical" at the Beck Center – August 11, 2024 with an optional dinner after the show.
- Cruise on the Goodtime III or Lady Caroline – a possible trip in September.
- Hawaiian Cruise – October 10-20, 2024. The contact is Sherry Niederkorn. There are over 20 travelers booked for the cruise. Vickie Zablony is looking for a roommate. The deadline for the \$500 deposit is February 5th.
- Christmastime at Tara Mansion in Pennsylvania – November/December 2024.
- Canadian Rockies and Vancouver – late May or early June of 2025.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported that there are 5 Ohio bills targeting transgender Ohioans. These bills would limit the rights of the transgender people.

The bills include HB 8: Parents' Bill of Rights, HB 68: Safe Act, HB 6: Safe Women's Sports Act, HB 245: Prohibit 'Adult Cabaret' in certain locations, HB 183: Single-sex bathroom access.

Two bills pending in Ohio would benefit the LGBTQ – HB 220 and SB 132.

Tom encourages members to watch school board meetings.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Sawitke reported that 92 have paid so far this year. Last year there were 156 members. New members include Denise Brewster and Ken Buckley who joined the Scholarship committee. Debbie Ludwig joined as an associate member. Pat Humphrey moved to waive the \$10 fee for Debbie's membership. Ginny Keller seconded the motion which was approved by the board.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn sent a report that stated that the committee met at FedEx on December 1st to compile and mail the documents to 11 Lake County high schools. A follow-up email will be sent on December 8th. The deadline for the completed applications is March 15th.

The Dine-to-Donate at El Palenque raised \$185.79.

TEACHER GRANT: Karen reported that everything has been mailed to the principals. The Madison superintendent did not respond. Applications are due by December 30, 2023 and the committee will meet in January.

VIRGINIA MLAKAR ENRICHMENT FUND: Ginny Keller reported that one application has been received by Noreen Stout in the Willoughby-Eastlake school district.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Ginny Keller sent cards to Pat Newyear on her surgery, to Gail Allcock in the loss of her dog, to Jacque Wolf for pneumonia, and Thinking of You cards to Dona Singerman and Mark Mazzolini. Ginny received a thank you note from Mary Pannesi.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn sent a report stating that The Review, The Lake County Gazette and The News-Herald printed articles for the November luncheon. Sherry will write another article for the February luncheon. Photos from the Great Rivers of Europe trip were given to Marion for the scrapbook.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge stated that the list of members will be sent to them in January.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn has updated the website – mostly on the Social/Travel page.

OLD BUSINESS

- There is a need for one director and someone to take over the Information/Protective Services position.

NEW BUSINESS

- There is a need for a Nomination Committee to find replacements for the secretary and treasurer positions.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Newsletter articles are due January 12, 2024
- Next General Meeting – February 13, 2024
- Next Board Meeting – March 4, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary