

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
AUGUST 7, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

ABSENT: Janene Ishee, David Morse, and Greta Pate

President Cathy Trepal called the meeting to order at 1:02

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of August 7, 2023 to be \$8,598.20 which included \$336.49 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 August 7, 2023 to be \$3,849.38. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Connie Irvin stated that the program for the September meeting will feature Cathi Weber sharing "Haunted Willoughby" ghost stories.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet reported that donations will be given to Project Hope in September.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller mentioned that members and guests had enjoyed the Captains Baseball Game, Mackinac Island and the Lilac Festival, and "Anything Goes" at Rabbit Run.

- September 14, 2023 – Ghost Walk of Willoughby. The contact is Gail Allcock and reservations are due by September 7th.
- September 20, 2023 – A travel meeting for "The Great Rivers of Europe" Riverboat Cruise will be held in the Garfield Room at Mentor Public Library at 1:30.
- November 16, 2023 – An Informational Trip Meeting will be held in the Garfield Room at Mentor Public Library at 1:30. Wendy Miller from Nowak Tours will be there.
- November 28 – December 2, 2023 – Cape May at Christmas.
- October 10-19, 2024 – Trip to Hawaii.

LEGISLATION: Tom Moscovic reminded members to vote on August 8th.

- Ohio is one of 18 states in which citizens can collect petition signatures to amend the state constitution through a public vote. If approved, Issue 1 would require 60% of voters' approval rather than a simple majority. It would also make it more difficult to put amendments on the ballot since it would require signatures from all 88 counties rather than the current requirement of 44 counties. This special election cost \$20 million.
- The Ohio State 2-year Budget was signed into law by Governor DeWine. The budget raised the base pay for teachers from \$30,000 to \$35,000. \$500 million is going to public education; however, an expansion of vouchers to all people no matter their income is taking money away from public education.
- The passage of HB #33 will bring changes as of October 1st. The Department of Education will be renamed the Department of Education and Workforce and will become a cabinet-level agency reporting to the Governor of Ohio.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Sawitke announced that Rose Marie Luksic is a new member. A discussion was held about how to encourage retired teachers to join. Tom will check to see if he can get a list of

teachers that have retired in the last 5 years. Mary Seeman suggested that newly retired teachers might be encouraged to join in order to keep connections going with fellow retired teachers. Sherry Niederkorn will put an article in the newspaper to encourage retired teachers to check the website.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported the following:

- The scholarship winners submitted fall schedules and checks of \$1000 were sent.
- Fundraising: Spirits of Willoughby raised \$112.00. Red Robin raised \$111.90.
A Dine-to-Donate will be held on September 28th at Panda Express in Mentor.
- Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Ginny Keller sent a Get Well card to Carol Herbst upon her hip replacement and heart valve replacement. A Sympathy card was sent to the family of Rose Marie Sezon upon her death.

HISTORIAN: Marion Lipinski has some pictures to add to the scrapbook but needs help with names.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn will put together an article for the newspapers.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge bought stamps before the price went up.

NEWSLETTER: Karen Sawitke needs newsletter articles by Friday the 11th – Sunday at the very latest. Only 26 newsletters need to be mailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There is need for a meeting chair. The position can be broken down into two or three parts so it would be more manageable.
- Pat Humphrey reported that the committee for the Virginia Mlakar Field Trip Scholarships was meeting at the conclusion of the board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cathy Trepal put together a survey to be given out to membership to get opinions on where to have the meetings and what type of food is preferred. These choices will basically be determined by how much members are willing to pay.
- Pat Humphrey reported that a Budget Committee made up of both board members and general membership needs to be formed. Tim Niederkorn and Debbie Deal volunteered to be on the committee. The general membership will be asked at the September meeting.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Next General Meeting: September 12, 2023 at Mentor United Methodist Church.
- Next Board Meeting: October 2, 2023 at Kirtland Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary