

LCRTA GENERAL MEETING
KIRTLANDER PARTY CENTER
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Welcome: Karen introduced the following guests: Speaker Dr. John Foster, Judge Karen Lawson and Lori DiNallo from the Lake County Juvenile Court, Northeastern District ORTA liaison Susan Harris, Geauga County retired teacher Cheryl Sekura, and Linda Smith. Sherry Niederkorn introduced reporter Gail Stuehr from the Gazette newspapers.

Karen asked members for any information they might know about Susan Brannan, who is supposedly a member of LCRTA.

PROGRAM: David Morse introduced Dr. John Foster from Mentor Public Library. Dr. Foster gave a talk on Alexander Hamilton.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report: The secretary's minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of November 12, 2019 to be \$10,150.51, which includes \$954.96 for scholarship. The report will be filed for audit.

Pat also presented the proposed budget for 2020. Pat Newyear motioned to accept the budget and Tom Moscovic seconded the motion. Members voted to approve the budget. Pat, who acted as chair of the budget committee, wished to thank Louise Bennet, Terri Herbert, and Vickie Stacy for serving on the committee.

Pat also mentioned that Carl Stumpf and Erwin Leffel have agreed to continue as auditors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social/Travel Report: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of November 12, 2012 to be \$4,385.31. Lynn also reported the amount of extra money that was returned to travelers from the trip to Australia. The report will be filed for audit.

Lynn wished to thank Sherry Niederkorn for organizing the trip to Australia/New Zealand.

Upcoming events include:

- A travel information meeting to be held on November 14, 2019 at Mentor Public Library at 1:30. A portion of the meeting will include plans for the trip to Albuquerque, N.M.
- The Williamsburg Christmas trip from Dec. 6-9, 2019, which is sold out.
- The Fine Arts Senior Matinee Series, which includes performances on December 4, 2019, and March 4th, May 6th, and June 10th, 2020.

More information can be found on the website: <https://lakecountyrta.weebly.com>

Legislative: Tom Moscovic reported that Columbus is looking into more penalties for people that violate school bus rules. Tom also reported that from 2017-2019, the National reading scores declined. This is another example of how the required testing is not effective.

Programs: David Morse outlined the next four meeting programs. It includes the following: Becky McFarland to speak on Elliott Ness in February; Randy Overbeck, past president of ORTA, to speak at the April meeting, which will be with the Geauga County Retired Teachers; Introduction of the scholarship and grant winners at the June meeting; Meet the candidates at the September meeting; and some entertainment for the November meeting.

Scholarship: Tim Niederkorn reported that the committee met on November 8th to review documents and to make plans for the Dec. 5th meeting, when the documents will be prepared for mailing to guidance departments. The committee also discussed scholarship funding. The first Dine-to-Donate will be Dec. 10th at the Bob Evans on Rte. 306 in Mentor. Fliers for Bob Evans were available at the luncheon.

Member Cathy Trepal discussed the following giving opportunities: as a part of dues, donating at luncheons, estate planning and memoriums.

Sunshine: Pat Newyear sent get well cards to Janene Ishee for recent surgery, to Lynn Miller for illness on the Australia trip, and to Marilyn Decker because of a recent fall.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Because it was necessary for Judge Lawson and Lori DiNallo to leave the meeting early, Judy Grant read a note written by Judge Lawson stating that the Alternative School and the Detention School are in need of math, science, and art teachers. Lori is in charge of the Educational Services Department. Lori can be reached at lori.dinallo@lakecountyohio.gov.

Susan Harris, Northeastern District liaison for ORTA, encourages members to contact her at susanharris48@gmail.com.

OLD BUSINESS

- Karen Sawitke reported that grant applications have been mailed out.
- Karen and Pat Newyear sent postcards to remind members that dues should be paid in the month of November. Karen was pleased with the return.

NEW BUSINESS

- Installation of Officers: Pat Newyear spoke on the importance of hands. David Morse was installed as one of the Co-Presidents. Virginia Keller was installed as President-Elect. Terri Herbert was not able to be at the meeting and will be installed as the other Co-President at the next meeting.
- Thank you to Karen Sawitke for serving as President.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Terry Weaver won the free lunch in February.
- Next board meeting will be held December 2, 2019 at Kirtland Public Library
- Next general meeting will be held February 11, 2020 at the Kirtlander

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary

