

**LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

**WELCOME:** President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 11:30. Ginny welcomed members and guests Nancy DiRenza, Pat Gurley, Gail Lamberton, and Bonita Stangry. Chaplain Greta Pate led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Greta then gave a humorous reading titled "Twas the Month After Christmas" followed by the prayer.

**PROGRAM:** Chair Connie Irvin introduced guest speaker Janet Weir Creighton who is now a Stark County Commissioner and previously served as Deputy Assistant to President George W. Bush, and as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Janet gave an interesting talk that included many slides and items that were collected while employed by President Bush.

**LUNCHEON:** The catered luncheon included Grilled Lemon Sherry Chicken, Oriental Rice Pilaf, and Bistro Vegetables or 4 Potato Pierogi with grilled onions and sour cream with Bistro Vegetables. Both entrees included bread and butter, coffee, tea, water, and a cookie.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Secretary's Report:** Pat Newyear moved and Lois Hosmer seconded to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting. The members approved the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of November 15, 2022 to be \$11,324.87, which included \$1234.61 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. The Budget Committee, which included Chair Pat Humphrey, Gail Allcock, Ginny Keller, Sue McCarter, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Barb Temple, and Cathy Trepal, proposed the 2023 Budget that is \$100 over the 2022 Budget. Tim Niederkorn moved and Sue McCarter seconded to approve the 2023 Budget. The members approved the motion.

**Social/Travel Report:** Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of November 15, 2022 to be \$3,877.73. The report will be filed for audit.

**Installation of Officers:** Ginny Keller led the installation of officers. Those installed included Cathy Trepal as President, Pat Humphrey as Treasurer, and Debbie Deal as Secretary.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Program:** Connie Irvin reported that Dale Fellows will portray George Washington for the February General Meeting.

**Meeting Chair:** Sue McCarter discussed the problem of finding a place to meet since LCRTA cannot return to St. John Vianney's. In order to keep the cost down, members voted to continue to meet at Mentor United Methodist Church and to order in a choice of salads or wraps. Thank you to Sue for looking into many venues and to Pat Humphrey for coordinating the details for meeting at the church for the November meeting.

**Community Participation:** Louise Bennet reported that Forbes House thanked LCRTA for the many donations. Donations for February will include Christmas wrapping paper and decorations. Louise reminded members to donate pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

**Info/Protective Service:** Janene Ishee is enjoying writing articles for the Bellringer. Janene welcomes suggestions for topics.

**Social/Travel:** Sherry Barbieri reported the following:

- There will be a meeting to discuss future trips at Mentor Public Library at 1:30 on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Village Room. Members wishing to Zoom should notify Sherry Niederkorn for directions.
- The trip to Niagara Winter Festival of Lights in December is closed.
- Spaces are available for The Great Rivers of Europe trip October 6-21, 2023.

**Legislative:** Tom Moscovic reported that there is a crisis shortage of teachers and that there are not enough people going into teaching or staying in teaching. There is also a severe shortage of substitutes.

**Membership:** Karen Sawitke thanked members that have turned in dues. Karen reported that the Newsletter will be sent by email due to the cost of mailing.

**Newsletter:** Karen needs articles for the Newsletter by January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Teacher Grants:** Karen reported that the information has been sent to all public schools in Lake County. There has only been one application submitted so far. The grant will be for \$300 but may be able to be increased. Teachers can obtain information from principals or the website. The purpose is for enrichment projects that will cover many students.

**Scholarship:** Tim Niederkorn reported the following:

- The committee met November 3<sup>rd</sup> to review and revise procedures and documents. Auburn Career Center will now be included. The timeline and selection process has been moved one week earlier.
- The mailing/distribution of documents will take place on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> with the deadline being March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- A Dine-to-Donate will be held at El Palanque in Eastlake on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 10:00 pm. It is available for dine in or take out. The restaurant will donate 25%. Flyers are available at this meeting or on the website.

**Sunshine/Remembrance:** Pat Newyear sent the following cards:

- Get Well cards to Judy Willour for a broken hip, to Dona Singerman for back problems, to Sue McCarter for a broken elbow and for surgery, to Tim Niederkorn for heart surgery, to Vickie Stacy, to Joyce Ristau for shoulder surgery, to Carol Herbst for hip replacement, and to Ed Herbert for knee replacement.
- Sympathy cards were sent to Mary Alice Snyder on the loss of her sister, to Frances Johnson on the loss of her son, to Tom Moscovic on the loss of his mother, the Haines' family on the death of James and to the Leafgreen family on the death of Yvonne.
- Pat received a Thank you from Debbie Ludvik for the remembrance of her mother, Virginia Mlakar.

**Historian:** Marion Lipinski will be the new Historian. Marion thanked Ginny for her work on the scrapbook.

**Public Relations:** Sherry Niederkorn reported that the News-Herald and the Gazette had printed articles on today's luncheon.

**Yearbook:** Char Langer asked members to review information in the yearbook to make sure it is still correct. Dues must be in by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in this year's book.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There is a need for a member to volunteer to be President-Elect.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pat Humphrey reported that Debbie Ludvik, daughter of Virginia Mlakar, is donating \$2000.00 per year for elementary and middle school teachers to be able to have guest speakers come into the classroom. An application process will be established. Members of the committee include Pat Humphrey, Ginny Keller, Connie Irvin, Caroline Arwood, and Tim Niederkorn.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Cathy Trepal won the drawing for the free luncheon
- Pat Newyear won the 50/50, which amounted to \$51.00.
- Next Board Meeting – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Kirtland Library
- Next General Meeting – Feb. 14, 2023 at 11:00 at Mentor United Methodist Church

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary