

**LCRTA GENERAL MEETING
KIRTLANDER PARTY CENTER
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: President David Morse called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Welcome: Dave welcomed Cathy Morton who retired from Willoughby-Eastlake and Georgia Holguin who taught in New Mexico.

Dave also mentioned that in case a luncheon would have to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the notification would be posted on the website.

Invocation: Chaplain Greta Pate spoke on the how teachers inspire students and how teachers provide a safe/structured environment for students. Greta then led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and led the group in prayer.

Luncheon: Members and guests were served Pork Scallopini, a garden salad and rolls, skin on mashed potatoes, green beans with almonds, and sheet cake. The vegetarian choice was Vegetable Lasagna.

PROGRAM: Dave introduced Vernice Jackson, a very interesting speaker who portrayed Sally Hemings. Sally Hemings was a slave owned by President Thomas Jefferson.

BUSINESS MEETING: President Terri Herbert led the business meeting.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's minutes were approved with one date correction.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Humphrey gave two financial reports. Pat reported a total of all monies through December 31, 2019 to be \$11,903.28 which includes \$2,200.23 for scholarship. Pat also reported a total of all monies through February 11, 2020 to be \$11,012.08 which includes \$2,295.42 for scholarship. The report will be filed for audit.

Social/Travel Report: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of February 11, 2020 to be \$3,939.01. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: Terri reported that retired Mentor teacher, John Goertz passed away.

Membership: Karen Sawitke thanked members for submitting their dues. Thank you to Karen for treating members and guests to ice cream as part of the dessert. Karen plans on going through the pages of retirees to try to increase membership. LCRTA currently has 178 members. Karen has flyers available and encouraged members to invite retired friends to join.

Grant Committee: Karen Sawitke thanked the Grant Committee for their hard work. The committee included Louise Bennet, Marilyn Decker, Judy Grant, Lynn Miller, Pat Newyear, and Vickie Stacy. Two grants were awarded to teachers in Perry, one to a teacher at Riverside LaMuth, and one to a teacher at Willoughby-Eastlake Grant Elementary.

Social/Travel: Sarah Reinhard announced the following social/travel events:

- Senior Matinees – Stroll Down Broadway on March 4, 2020
Spring Fling Cabaret on May 6, 2020
“Chicago” on June 10, 2020

- Holland Tulip Festival from May 7-9, 2020
- Lake County Captains Game on June 19, 2020
- Lakehouse Restaurant and Beck Center on July 30, 2020
- Rabbit Run Theater – “Always Patsy Kline” on August 21, 2020
- Winery Tour on September 1, 2020
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta from October 9-14, 2020
- Biltmore and the Smokies from December 5-9, 2020

Scholarship Committee: Tim Niederkorn reported that applications are being received. Applications are due in by March 20th.

Three Dine-to-Donate fundraising events have been scheduled:

- February 18th at TGI Fridays in Mentor
- March 4th at Max and Erma’s in Mentor
- April 16th at Baker’s Square in Mentor

Flyers can be downloaded and printed from the LCRTA website:

<https://lakecountyrta.weebly.com/scholarship-news.html>

Members are encouraged to keep the scholarship fund in mind when considering annual giving plans and estate planning.

Legislative: Tom Moscovic reported the following:

- STRS has suspended COLA.
- STRS members are able to join STRS on Facebook. This is for members only.
- The Ohio House has passed a bill to eliminate Education Choice Vouchers, which take tax payer’s money away from public education. The bill still needs to be approved by the Ohio Senate.

Program: Dave Morse reported that the April luncheon meeting will be a joint meeting with the Geauga County retired teachers. It will be held in the front room of the Kirtlander. The program will be given by Randy Overbeck. Randy will be discussing his book “Things that Go Bump in the Night”.

OLD BUSINESS: Connie Irvin was accepted as a Director on the LCRTA Board from 2020-2022.

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- Debbie Deal won the 50/50 raffle. Debbie donated the \$71.00 to the Scholarship fund.
- Tom Moscovic won the free lunch
- The next Board Meeting will be held on March 2nd.
- The next General Meeting will be held on April 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary