

**LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

**WELCOME:** President-Elect Ginny Keller brought the meeting to order at 11:30. Ginny welcomed new member Dick Schmidt and guests Charles Stenger and Pat Hurley. Chaplain Greta Pate spoke about being a teacher and then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

**PROGRAM:** Program Chair Connie Irvin introduced the speaker, Rob McFee. Rob is a math teacher in Willoughby-Eastlake and a previous STRS Board Member. Rob shared some very interesting information about STRS.

**LUNCHEON:** A catered lunch included turkey club or grilled veggie wrap, potato salad, a cookie, water and coffee.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of April 11, 2023 to be \$11,129.21 which included \$2,777.60 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 April 11, 2023 to be \$4,563.64. The report will be filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Program:** Connie Irvin reported that the June General Meeting program will introduce the Scholarship recipients and the Teacher Grant recipients will give a brief talk on their projects. Ginny thanked Connie for the wonderful programs and for the nice centerpieces.

**Meeting Chair:** Sue McCarter said that the June meeting will be held at Mentor United Methodist Church. Sue asked for members to volunteer to help set up before meetings and to help clean up after meetings. Ginny thanked Pat Humphrey for securing the room at the church and for being in charge of set up and clean up.

**Community Participation:** Louise Bennet reminded members to save aluminum can tabs.

**Info/Protective Services:** Janene Ishee mentioned the article from the newsletter on free Informed Delivery-Mail and Package Notifications.

**Social/Travel:** Lynn Miller discussed the following activities:

- April 16, 2023 - "Noises Off" at the Beck Center — closed.
- April 19, 2023 - Sights Unseen in Cleveland - participants need to meet at the Drury Inn off I-271 at Beachwood/Orange at 8:45. Bring the Great Days Tour letter as a boarding pass. The contact is Gail Allcock.
- May 30, 2023 - Lake County Captains Baseball Game. Checks payable to LCRTA should be given to Sherry Niederkorn by May 16th. Tickets are \$12 and parking is \$8.
- June 9-11, 2023 - Mackinac Island and Lilac Festival. The contact is Kathy Kling.
- June 29, 2023 - "Anything Goes" at Rabbit Run. Checks of \$26 need to be given to Sherry Niederkorn by June 1st.
- September 14, 2023 - Ghost Walk of Willoughby. The contact is Gail Allcock. Participants should meet at 7:30 at 36 Public Square. The cost is \$18.00.
- October 6-21, 2023 — "The Great Rivers of Europe" Riverboat Cruise. The contact is Sherry Niederkorn.
- November 28-December 2, 2023 - Cape May at Christmastime. The contact is Sarah Reinhard. There is a date misprint on page 11 in the yearbook.
- 2024 — Trip to Hawaii

**Legislative:** Tom Moscovic reported on the following:

- Changes in Voting — HB 458 eliminates a long list of previously accepted IDs, eliminates in-person voting the Monday before Election Day, moves up the deadline for voters to cure provisional and rejected mail-in ballots from 7 to 4 days after Election Day, shortens the deadline to apply for vote-by-mail ballots, requires completed mail-in ballots to arrive within 4 days of Election Day, and permits only one ballot drop-box per county.
- SB 11 - Parent Education Freedom Act - This expands the eligibility for Education Choice Scholarships and increases the income tax credit for homeschooling expenses.
- HB 1 - This would modify the law regarding property taxation and income tax rates which could cost local governments and schools more than a billion dollars.
- SB 1 - This would overhaul and realign the responsibilities and duties of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education.
- SB 83 - This will insert legislative interference into college curriculum, restrict diversity and equity training, make campuses safe for hate speech, and limit which public employees have the right to strike.
- Northcoast is looking for sub callers.

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

- 14 applications have been compiled and mailed to the committee for reading and scoring. On April 14th the committee will select the finalists who will be notified for interviews. The interviews will take place on April 25-26 and the scholarship winners will be notified on April 27th.
- The next Dine-to-Donate will take place at Spirits of Willoughby on Wednesday, May 17th from 11-7 pm. The event will net 20%.

**Sunshine/Remembrance:** Ginny Keller sent cards to the following members:

- Sympathy cards to the families of Thomas Guerra and Eugene Kobus
- Cards to Carol Guth and Barbara Savage for cancer treatments
- A card to Bobette Kruter upon a fall
- A card to Cathy Trepal upon her surgery

**Public Relations:** Sherry Niederkorn is pleased with the articles that have been put in the papers.

**Yearbook:** Char Langer asked members to check to see that information in the yearbook is correct. The yearbooks will be mailed to members not in attendance at this meeting.

**Teacher Grants:** Karen Sawitke reported that the four recipients have been asked to speak at the June General Meeting.

**Website:** Thank you to Sherry Niederkorn for keeping the website up to date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Debbie Deal spoke on the opportunity to volunteer at the Royal Family Kids Camp for neglected and abused children
- Pat Humphrey mentioned that the June meeting would be held in the Gallery at Mentor United Church. Members should enter through the gallery.

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

- Dick Schmidt won the free lunch
- Sue McCarter won the 50/50
- The next LCRTA Board Meeting will be at Kirtland Library on May 1st at 1:00 pm
- The next LCRTA General Meeting will be on June 13th at 11:00 am

Tim Niederkorn moved for the meeting to be adjourned and Connie Irvin seconded the motion.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary