

**LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -- TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023
MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WELCOME: President Cathy Trepal welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Chaplain Greta Pate was unable to attend the meeting, so Ginny Keller led The Pledge of Allegiance and shared Greta's meditation entitled "Ten Lessons for High School Graduates" by Cedrick Webb.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Scholarship Chair Tim Niederkorn introduced the scholarship recipients and each person thanked LCRTA and shared plans for the coming school year.

- Kaitlyn Newsome (Perry)
- Douglas Slovenkay (Mentor)
- Brooke Synder (North)

GRANT-IN-AID RECIPIENTS:

Chair Karen Sawitke introduced the four recipients of the Jean P. Lentz Memorial Grant-in-Aid.

- Shannon Davis (Royalview) -- Shannon could not attend but sent a report on her project which was for Grade 2 and was titled "Royalview Reads".
- Jamie McMahan (Longfellow) -- Jamie's project was Reading Comprehension for Grade 1.
- Mallory Salomon (Thomas Jefferson) -- Mallory's project included 16 games for structured play groups.
- Ashley Tagle (Thomas Jefferson) -- Ashley's project was a Language Scholar's Program for Grade 4.

LUNCHEON: A catered luncheon included a chicken salad wrap or veggie wrap, pasta salad, a cookie, water and coffee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were approved by Tom Moscovic and seconded by Ginny Keller.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of June 13, 2023 to be \$11,488.05 which included \$3,073.72 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit.

Social/Travel Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of June 13, 2023 to be \$3, 810.92. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program: The program on September 12th will be Cathi Weber who will speak about Haunted Willoughby.

Meeting Chair: Sue McCarter is stepping down from the position of meeting chair. Cathy thanked Sue for the months served. A special board meeting may be held in July to address a needed replacement and possible luncheon venues.

Community Participation: Louise Bennet thanked members for such generous donations throughout the year and reminded members to save pull tabs.

Social/Travel: Sarah Reinhard reported on the following events:

- June 29, 2023 – "Anything Goes" at Rabbit Run with an optional dinner at Jennifer Williams' house.
- September 14, 2023 – Ghost Walk of Willoughby. The contact is Gail Allcock and the cost is \$18.00.
- October 6-21, 2023 – "The Great Rivers of Europe" Riverboat Cruise. The contact is Sherry Niederkorn. There will be a travel meeting on September 20th at 1:30 at Mentor Public Library.
- November 28-December 2023 – Cape May at Christmas. The contact is Sarah Reinhard.
- October 10-19, 2024 – Hawaii. The contact is Sherry Niederkorn.

Sarah reminded members to fill out the Travel Suggestions form and welcomed new members to join the committee.

Legislative: Tom Moscovic reported on the following:

- The budget is due to be completed by the end of the month. The Ohio Senate Finance Committee adopted a substitute version of HB #33 that is worse for public education than the version passed by the Ohio House. It includes more money for private school vouchers, it removed language that eliminated mandatory student retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, and it includes provisions to transfer the powers and duties away from the State Board of Education.
- A special election will be held on August 8th. The vote will determine whether the proposed constitutional amendments must receive 60% to be enacted as opposed to the simple majority required now. Vote **"NO"** to save your democracy.

Membership: Karen Sawitke reported three new members: Dick and Judy Schmidt and Mary Pannesi as an associate member from Massachusetts. Karen stated that membership cards will go out in October. It will be the same set-up as last year.

Scholarship: Chair Tim Niederkorn thanked the committee members that included Connie Irvin, Lynda Krstolic, Bev Lee, Sherry Niederkorn, Jane Pastor, and Cathy Trepal.

Recent event: Sprints of Willoughby Dine-to-Donate netted \$112.00.

Upcoming events: Red Robin Dine-to-Donate on June 22nd from 4-8 pm. (20% event)
Panda Express (Mentor) on September 28th

Sunshine/Remembrance: Ginny Keller received a thank you note from the family of Susan Beyerle.

Historian: Marion Lipinski said that the scrapbook is up to date. Marion made a request for pictures from trips.

Public Relations: Sherry Niederkorn mentioned that articles had appeared in The Gazette, The News-Herald, and The Review Newspaper.

Yearbook: Thank you to Bonnie Lillibridge and Char Langer for all the work on the yearbook. Bonnie reminded members to report any changes in information.

Newsletter: Karen Sawitke reported that most members are now receiving the newsletter by email. There are only 25 needing to be mailed.

Teacher Grant: Karen Sawitke thanked the members of the committee that included Louise Bennet, Marilyn Decker, Sharon Hazen, Lynn Miller, Pat Newyear, and Vickie Stacy. Karen welcomes new members to the committee. The committee will begin work again in October. The applications will be due by December 15th and the recipients will receive money by February 1, 2024.

Website: Sherry Niederkorn reported the website is up to date. Sherry requested that members contact newly retired teachers to join LCRTA.

OLD BUSINESS

Debbie Ludvik, the daughter of Virginia Mlakar, is donating \$2000 every year for elementary and middle school teachers to be able to have guest speakers come into the classroom. Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Virginia Keller, and Tim Niederkorn have volunteered to be on a committee to arrange details. The committee will need to establish guidelines and make a distinction between this award and the Teacher Grants.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Clarence Bowers celebrated his 97th Birthday.
- Tim Niederkorn won the free lunch.
- Thank you to Caroline Arwood for running the 50/50. Gail Allcock won \$48 which she donated to the Scholarship Fund.
- Next Board Meeting: August 7, 2023 at Kirtland Library at 1:00.
- Next General Meeting: September 12, 2023.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary