

LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ST. JOHN VIANNEY SOCIAL HALL
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022

WELCOME

President-Elect Cathy Trepal called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Gail Gronwall, ORTA member, was introduced and welcomed.

Greta Pate announced that Janene Ishee will report in the Bellringer Informative & Protective Services information. Janene steps in for the late Terri Herbert.

Chaplain Greta Pate led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Greta reminded everyone that today was Flag Day and recited "Ragged Old Flag" by Johnny Cash. The group received a donation of a flag from Louise Bennett. Greta announced that member Lois Hosmer's 94th birthday is today. The group sang Happy Birthday Lois. Cathy Trepal presented Lois with flowers.

INTRODUCTION of the SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tim Niederkorn introduced the members of the Scholarship Committee. The committee members are Dona Singerman, Connie Irvin, Lynda Krstolic, Beverly Lee, Jane Pastor, and Cathy Trepal. Headed by Tim Niederkorn, the committee selected three candidates to receive \$1100 scholarships. The scholarship recipients were introduced and spoke a few words to tell the group about educational plans for 2022 - 2023. The scholarship recipients are:

MONICA KLINE is a graduate from Perry High School. Monica will attend Ohio State University and plans to become a secondary teacher.

PAIGE VESELKO is a graduate from Riverside High School. Paige plans to attend Lake Erie College and study to become a preschool teacher. Paige hopes to be part of the equestrian program and utilize that training to incorporate therapeutic horseback riding in her career.

MADELYNN STEVENSON is a graduate from Perry High School. Madelynn will attend Hiram College and pursue a dual major to become a preschool teacher and a special education teacher.

PROGRAM

Connie Irvin introduced Bill Quinn, owner of Quinns Flags & Poles on Vine Street in Eastlake, as speaker for Flag Day. Bill described how he got into the flag making business. Bill explained proper flag etiquette and mentioned many of the items sold at his store.

LUNCH

Salad, rolls, and a choice of roast beef or veggie pasta were served. Tiramisu was included as desert.

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 4/12/22 meeting were approved with one correction. The speaker's name from the Lake County History Center is spelled "Tonya Busic".

Treasurer's Report: Reports were on the tables. Pat Humphrey's report showed the total of all monies on 6/14/22 was \$9,284.27.

Social/Travel Treasurer's Report: Reports were on the tables. Lynn Miller's report indicated the total of all monies 6/14/22 was \$5,064.85.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Sarah Reinhard reported on the following events:

Lake County Captains Game - June 28, 2022. Check the website for prices and information. Checks were due to Sherry Niederkorn 6/12/22.

The Beck Center - "Something Rotten" - July 17, 2022. Check with Sherry Niederkorn for availability.

Rabbit Run Theater - "Newsies" - August 4, 2022. Checks need to be mailed to Sherry Niederkorn by July 7, 2022. Participants may choose to dine after the show at the Family Restaurant in Mentor.

Mississippi Riverboat Cruise - September 25 - October 3, 2022. A meeting for participants will be held September 8, 2022, at 10:30 in the Garfield Room of the main branch of the Mentor Public Library.

Niagara Winter Festival of Lights - November 29 - 30, 2022. The contact person is Sarah Reinhard. One night and two meals are part of this tour. A passport is required.

Great Rivers of Europe - October 6 -21, 2023. The contact person is Sherry Niederkorn. Check the website for information.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported.

This week DeWine signed House Bill 99 into law, which allows an adult to carry a gun on school property with only 20 hours of training and only two hours of hands-on training with a gun. Opponents to the bill included the OEA and the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio. In March, DeWine signed a new law that allows people 21 or older, who are legally allowed to own a gun, permission to conceal that weapon without training or a permit. It eliminates the requirement that those carrying guns “promptly” inform law enforcement when stopped. The gun owner will have to inform only when an officer asks if a weapon is being carried.

The results of the State Teachers Retirement Board Election showed that Jeffrey Rhodes, Rob McFee and Rita Walters lost their seats. Steve Foreman, Elizabeth Jones and Julie Sellers will begin their term in September 2022.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported.

In fall 2022, the Scholarship Committee will begin work on the 2022 - 2023 scholarship process. The five 2021 - 2022 “Dine to Donate” events sponsored by the committee raised \$824.11. Contact Tim if anyone wishes to join the Scholarship Committee. Tim thanked those who have and continue to contribute to the scholarship fund.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Pat Newyear reported.

A thank you card from the family of Joan McLeod was received. A sympathy card to the family of Virginia Mlaker was sent. Pat Newyear received a get well card. LCRTA got a thank you card from Debbie Ludnik for mother Virginia Mlaker.

HISTORIAN: Cathy Trepal invited members to look at the scrapbook and said that it can be taken home.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn displayed on the screen articles about LCRTA that were published in local newspapers.

YEARBOOK: Char Langer and Bonnie Lillibridge reported.

Approximately 158 yearbooks were distributed in April, 2022. The estimated cost per yearbook was \$4 each and it is anticipated that the cost will increase for 2023.

NEWSLETTER: Karen Sawitke reported. She requested that if a member’s email, address or phone number changes to notify her.

TEACHER GRANTS: Karen Sawitke reported. Work on the grant process will begin in October, 2022. Currently there is \$2,897 to spend.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn reported. There’s a great deal of information on the website, which Sherry updates regularly. Two more pages have been added. Meeting minutes have been included as well as Treasurers Reports.

NEW BUSINESS: The Nominating Committee needs two more members. Let David Morse know if anyone is interested in joining.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The free lunch was won by Tim Niederkorn.

Pat Humphrey won the 50-50 raffle, which she donated back to the Scholarship Fund.

The next LCRTA Board meeting will be held at the Kirtland Library, August 1, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

The next General Meeting will be held September 12, 2022, at St. John Vianney.

Kathy Kling
Substitute Recording Secretary