

**LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ST. JOHN VIANNEY SOCIAL HALL
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022**

WELCOME

- President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 11:30.
- Chaplain Greta Pate led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Greta then read the poem “Beyond the Empty Chair” by Catherine Turner in memory of past President and Board Member Terri Herbert. Greta also reminded members that this is Holy Week and that God loves all and then led the group in prayer.

PROGRAM

Program Chair Connie Irvin introduced Tanya Busik from the Lake County History Center. Tanya gave an interesting talk on some of the many famous inventions in the Western Reserve.

LUNCH

The luncheon included Chicken Piccata or Vegetarian Lasagna, redskin potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and apple crisp with ice cream.

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary’s Report: The minutes from the Feb. 8, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Pat Humphrey reported that everything was found to be in order for the 2021 LCRTA Audit that was held on February 22, 2022. Pat reported a total of all monies as of April 12, 2022 to be \$11,286.75, which included a total of \$2,638.50 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 12, 2022 to be \$3,871.50. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Program Chair Connie Irvin reported that Bill Quinn, owner of a flag company, will speak on the American Flag in honor of Flag Day. Members are asked to wear red, white, and blue.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet thanked members for all the generous donations to Hannah’s Home and reminded members to submit volunteer hours.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller reported on the following events:

- Lake County Captains Game – June 28, 2022. Look on the website for prices and mail the check to Sherry Niederkorn by June 12th.
- The Beck Center – “Something Rotten” -- July 17, 2022. Checks need to be mailed to Sherry Niederkorn by April 19th. Participants may join to have dinner at the Family Restaurant in Mentor following the performance.
- Rabbit Run Theater – “Newsies” -- August 4, 2022. Checks need to be mailed to Sherry Niederkorn by July 7th. Participants may join to eat together at the Perry Family Restaurant before the performance.
- Mississippi Riverboat Cruise – September 25-October 3, 2022. There is one spot left and also optional pre and post travel trips. A meeting will be held in September for documents.
- Niagra Winter Festival – November 29-30, 2022. One night and two meals are included. Contact Sarah Reinhard.
- Great Rivers of Europe – October 6-21, 2023. Optional pre and post trips are available. Check for information on the website.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported on the following:

- HB 583 – The Ohio House of Representatives passed HB 583 this week. The bill now moves to the Ohio Senate. It permits people with a college degree to obtain a one-year substitute teaching license.
- Redistricting is still in limbo. There will have to be a second primary election, probably in August.
- Vote for Rita Walters on the STRS Board. Teachers need to have a responsible OEA member on the board. Rita helped make the COLA happen and will be responsible with the use of funds in the future.
- There will be a 3% COLA beginning in July for retirees that are eligible. For qualified retirees it begins the month that the person retired.
- A change was made so that active members will be able to retire at any age with full benefits after 35 years of service.

MEMBERSHIP: New members include Mary Ann Horn, Jan Koerwitz, Joyce Ristau, and Thora Scott. Members are urged to talk to those ready to retire and encourage LCRTA membership.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported the following:

- Twelve applications were sent to the committee for reading and scoring. The committee will meet on April 22nd to select the candidates for interviews. The interviews will take place on May 3rd and 4th and winners will be notified on May 5th.
- The following Dine-to-Donates have taken place: Outback Steakhouse (\$427.02 raised), Smokey Bones (\$115.00 raised), Quaker Steak & Lube (\$131.25 raised).
- There will be a Dine-to-Donate at Texas Roadhouse on April 19, 2022 from 3-8 pm, and at Chipotle in Willoughby on May 24, 2022 from 4-8 pm.
- Thank you to Alisa Novak, daughter of Janice Christopherson for suggesting in her mother's obituary that a donation be made to LCRTA Scholarships "in lieu of flowers".
- Thank you to those who have and continue to donate.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Janice Christopherson, Joan McLeod, Andrew Rysko, and Terri Herbert. Joan's family sent a Thank you card.

HISTORIAN: Ginny Keller invites members to look at the book and allows it to be taken home.

YEARBOOK: Char Langer and Bonnie Lillibridge ask that you email any corrections. Addition of new members and corrections will be posted in the Newsletter so that members can add the information to the book.

NEWSLETTER: Information is due to Karen Sawitke by May 6th. The Newsletter will be sent out on May 14th.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn invites members to visit the website.

NEW BUSINESS: Ginny stated that a new chair(s) is needed to write articles for the Info/Protective Services portion of the Newsletter. The Chair would come to Board Meetings.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The Free Lunch was won by Cathy Trepal
- Tom Moscovic won the 50/50 which amounted to \$35.00
- The next Board Meeting will be held on May 2, 2022 at Kirtland Library at 1:00
- The next General Meeting will be held June 14, 2022 at St. John Vianney

Quote by Ben Franklin: The good we can do together surpasses what we can do alone.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary