

**LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
ST. JOHN VIANNEY SOCIAL HALL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

**WELCOME**

- President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 11:30.
- Joyce Ristau was introduced as a new member.
- Guests included: Nancy Direnzo, Megan Kallay, Gail Lamberton, Bonnie Stangry, Dan and Sandra Wilson, and Sandy Wright.
- Chaplain Greta Pate led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of Valentine's Day, Greta followed with interpretations of "What Does Love Mean" as stated by children, and then led the group in prayer.

**PROGRAM**

Program Chair Connie Irvin introduced Dan Ruminski, a Cleveland history storyteller, who gave a very interesting talk on two of "The Famous and Infamous Women of Cleveland's Millionaire Row".

**LUNCH**

The luncheon included salad, rolls, a choice of vegetable or beef stew in a bread bowl, and apple crisp with ice cream.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of December 31, 2021 to be \$11,451.90, which included a total of \$2,193.06 in Scholarship monies.

The total of all monies as of February 7, 2022 was \$11,595.10, which included a total of \$2,358.12 in Scholarship monies. The reports will be filed for audit.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL REPORT:** Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of December 31, 2021 to be \$3,871.11 and a total of all monies as of February 8, 2022 to be \$3,871.19. The reports will be filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROGRAM:** Connie Irvin reported that the April meeting will be held at St. John Vianney and will feature a speaker from the Lake County Historical Society who will be speaking on Inventions of Lake County. Connie would like to have the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting feature a program on flags and asked members for any ideas for speakers on this topic.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Louise Bennet thanked members for the generous donations.

**INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICE:** Terri Herbert welcomes ideas for a topic that members would like to see addressed.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL:** Kathy Kling reported on the following social/travel events:

- April 10, 2022 – "Ten Below" will be presented at the Fine Arts Association. Checks need to be mailed to Lynn Miller by March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- June 28, 2022 – Captains Baseball Game. Checks need to be mailed to Sherry Niederkorn by June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- July 17, 2022 – "Something Rotten" will be presented at the Beck Center. Participants will meet in the Pediatric Dentist's parking lot behind Market Street Family Restaurant to take a limo. Participants may join to have dinner at the Family Restaurant following the performance. Contact Sherry Niederkorn by April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- August 4, 2022 – "Newsies" will be presented at Rabbit Run Theater. Checks need to be mailed to Sherry Niederkorn by July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- September 25-October 3, 2022 – Mississippi Riverboat Cruise. Contact Sherry Niederkorn.
- October 6-21, 2023 – Great Rivers of Europe. Call 800 955-1925 and give Code 3472 to register. Can also add travel protection.

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

- Redistricting – The Ohio Supreme Court rejected the map passed in November by the GOP supermajority. HB 479 may be a possible substitution. This needs to be done soon so that candidates will know where they are running.
- COLA – SB 280 has been introduced to re-establish COLA. The bill would require STRS to pay an annual 2% COLA to eligible retirees. Under current law the STRS Board has the authority to adjust the COLA amount as necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the system. As currently written, SB 280 would mandate a 2% annual COLA without providing a way to pay for it. It may put the benefits of active teachers at risk.

Four possibilities presented were:

1. 2% one-time COLA for those eligible and change of the employee contribution rate to 12%
2. 2% one-time COLA for those eligible and change eligibility for unreduced benefit to 35 years (Eliminate age 60 requirement in 2026)
3. 2% one-time COLA for those eligible, change of the employee contribution rate to 13%, and change eligibility for unreduced benefit to 35 years.
4. 2% ongoing COLA for those eligible.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Tim Niederkorn welcomed new members Bev Lee and Jane Pastor.

- Schedule of events:
  1. March 18, 2022 – Application deadline
  2. April 8, 2022 – Applications sent to committee for scoring
- Dine-to-Donates
  1. Outback Steakhouse raised \$427.02
  2. Smokey Bones raised \$115.00
  3. Quaker Steak & Lube raised \$131.25
  4. Chipotle will be rescheduled
- Thank you to those who have and continue to contribute. Make checks payable to LCRTA Scholarship Fund and mail to Pat Humphrey.

**SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE:** Pat Newyear sent a card to Carol Minandeo on the loss of her husband. Two cards were sent to Louise Bennet following her surgery. Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of George Marko, Mildred Dennis, and William Sopchak.

**HISTORIAN:** Ginny Keller invited members to look at the book and mentioned that it is possible to take it home as long as it is returned to her house.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Sherry Niederkorn noted that the News-Herald and the Gazette published the articles that were submitted.

**YEARBOOK:** Welcome to Char Langer as the new editor of the yearbook. Bonnie Lillibridge will work with Char for a smooth transition. Any changes are needed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles need to be submitted by March 11<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be sent out March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**WEBSITE:** Sherry Niederkorn reviewed how to navigate the website.

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

- Sue McCarter won the free lunch for April.
- Gail Allcock won \$76.00 in the 50/50 Grant drawing
- The next Board Meeting will be March 7, 2022 – all are welcome
- The next General Meeting will be April 12, 2022
- Ginny left members and guests with a definition of FRIENDS: Ones that will Fight for you, Respect you, Include you, Encourage you, Need you, Deserve you, and Stand by you.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary

