

LCRТА ZOOM BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS

- **PRESENT:** Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Terri Herbert, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Ginny Keller, Bonnie Lillibridge, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Dave Morse, Tom Moscovic, Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Karen Sawitke, and Cathy Trepal

CALL TO ORDER: Terri thanked everyone for being a supportive board and welcomed the new leaders, President Ginny Keller and President-Elect Cathy Trepal.

Ginny thanked Terri and Dave for the leadership they provided.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Louise and Bonnie mentioned some additions and corrections to the October 5th report. The minutes were approved with the corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of November 30, 2020 to be \$12,321.51, which includes \$2,165.40 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat said that dues will be sent to state shortly after December 15th. Pat also mentioned that the audit, which usually is presented to the board in March and to members in April, may be postponed due to Covid.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of November 30, 2020 to be \$3, 865.94. The report will be filed for audit following one date correction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Dave reported that February's General Meeting would be a Zoom meeting and that April might be also. Dave will check to see if Randy Overbeck is available to Zoom in either February or April. Last April was to have been a joint meeting with GCRTA, so Dave was also going to speak with that chapter about this coming year.

Dave also requested program ideas. The following ideas were presented:

Sherry Niederkorn suggested a virtual tour of the Garfield Monument or the Cultural Gardens.

Louise Bennet suggested a talk on the Garfield National site.

Connie Irvin suggested a program on recycling

Dave would appreciate contacts for the recycling program and will then send a list of possibilities to board members to voice interest.

MEETINGS: Sue McCarter contacted Tall Oaks and found that the rental may be \$300-\$500. The woman Sue spoke to was not sure about price, so Sue will call again.

Sue also contacted the caterer for St. John Vianny who quoted \$100 rental in addition to \$17 for two choices of meal. The meal would be buffet style with salad at the table. Ginny volunteered to speak with the caterer to see if the room charge could be eliminated or brought down.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet tried to check with RSVP about volunteers for the Reading Buddies program. Cathy Trepal explained that the program was cancelled because the person in charge no longer worked there.

Louise also mentioned the need for members to turn in volunteer hours and will have her email placed in the newsletter.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Terri will report on keeping financial information safe.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn reported that six people were going on the Biltmore and the Smokies trip from Dec. 5-9, 2020 and would be joined by others on the trip with Great Day Tours.

The following events are on the calendar:

- Willoughby Fine Arts "Home for the Holidays" from Dec. 3rd – 6th.
- Holland Tulip Festival from May 6-8, 2021 has 12 people signed up
- Albuquerque Balloon Festival from October 8-13, 2021 has 20 people signed up

Lynn stated that the committee will meet in January and welcomes trip ideas.

Sherry Niederkorn has information on Playhouse Square and the Shakespeare Festival. Those interested should email Sherry.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported that the Ohio government is trying to leave education decisions up to local districts concerning how to operate during Covid. Tom also mentioned that Republicans in Lake County dominated except for Dan Troy.

A revamp of Ohio's school voucher program passed the senate, but needs to go to the house. To qualify, 20% of the students must be eligible for Title 1 and the school must be in the bottom 20% of Ohio's school performance index for two years.

SB #317 also passed the senate. It allows teachers and staff to carry guns without determining the number of hours required in training.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Sawitke reported that only 33 members have neglected to turn in membership. Pat Newyear will call those members. Karen was also pleased to announce that quite a bit of money has come in for the scholarship and the grant funds.

SCHOLARSHIP: Chair Tim Niederkorn and committee consisting of Judy Grant, Dona Singerman, Connie Irvin, Cathy Trepal, and Lynda Krstolic met via Zoom conference on Friday, November 6th to begin working on the 2020-21 scholarship process. The following was accomplished:

- A timeline was established for this year's scholarship process. All meetings and interviews will follow a format matching current COVID19 safety guidelines.
- On November 13th a mailing /distribution of the documents was completed.
- Documents were reviewed and revised to meet this year's needs.
- Funding of the scholarship was discussed. In light of the current situation, LCRTA Members are encouraged to make donations with the annual renewals.

Additional donations are always welcome.

Possible future Dine-to-Donate type fundraiser events are being explored.

Members are encouraged to consider LCRTA Scholarships in estate planning and Memoriams.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCES: Pat Newyear sent a card to the family of Bette Lovsin, but it was returned. A get well card was sent to Elaine Courtney. Pat will send a card to the family of Annarosa Ginerva, whose obituary was in the paper on Nov. 29th. Pat will also send another get well card to the Menn family.

HISTORIAN: Ginny Keller reported that the book is complete.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Once everything is settled for the February meeting, Sherry will write an article for the papers.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge would appreciate help with the yearbook. Karen Sawitke volunteered to help and Terri Herbert volunteered to help proof.

NEWSLETTER: Karen informed the board that articles are due by January 8, 2021, will be printed the following week, and will be mailed the week after that. Terri Herbert suggested mentioning the February meeting will be via Zoom and list the date for the meeting.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn stated that the website is up to date.

DIRECTORS: Terri thanked Tom Moscovic for his service as a Director.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ginny Keller opened a discussion concerning the addition of emails to the yearbook. Terri Herbert moved to add emails and Tim Niederkorn seconded the motion, which was approved. Members will also have one phone number allowed. Members can opt out of having information included.
- Pat Humphrey asked for clarification on what members are eligible for \$10 to be transferred to the Scholarship Fund upon their passing. Pat discovered that it was not outlined in the Constitution. After discussion, it was decided that both regular members and associate members would qualify and that the length of time that person had been a member would not be a consideration.
- Karen Sawitke questioned how long a person should be carried on the LCRTA list after being inactive. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.
- Terri Herbert will do the Chapter Report, which is due in by January 15, 2021.
- Pat Newyear installed Cathy Trepal as the President Elect.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Terri mentioned that Sherry and others have contributed gift certificates given to a member following the general meetings. Terri moved that LCRTA should fund the \$25 in the future and Cathy Trepal seconded the motion, which was approved by the board.
- Cathy Trepal requested that the board meetings be held at 1:30 rather than 1:00 due to her work.
- Next General Meeting: February 9, 2021 via Zoom
- Next Board Meeting: March 1, 2021 at 1:30.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:22.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary

