

LCRTA ZOOM BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS

- **PRESENT:** Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Terri Herbert, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Virginia 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: President Terri Herbert called the meeting to order at 1:00. Terri welcomed Cathy Trepal as a new Board Member and as President-Elect.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the August 3, 2020 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of October 5, 2020 to be \$7,581.63, which includes \$472.38 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 October 5, 2020 to be \$3,940.62. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Dave Morse reported that STRS Director William Neville is the featured speaker for the November Zoom meeting. Members that have questions or wish to have a topic covered should email Dave. Terri mentioned that STRS members are not typically paid. Dave will be stepping down as Program Chair but is willing to assist the new chair. Dave also suggested reading Randy Overbeck's book Blood on the Chesapeake.

MEETINGS: Sue McCarter is checking into new venues for the General Meetings. St. John Vianney is open and can handle 40-50 people. The charge would be \$150.00 plus the catered meal. When using the venue in past years there was no charge for the hall, but that may have changed. Dave suggested talking to Glenn and Sherry looked up the phone number for Sue. Tom mentioned the need to find if there is a minimum number required since many members may not be comfortable going inside.

Members gave more suggestions on possible venues:

- Louise Bennet suggested a catered meal at Painesville Park.
- Louise also suggested La Vera Party Center
- Tom Moscovic heard unverified information that The Kirtlander might be reopened as Dubrovnik Croatian Restaurant.
- Sherry Niederkorn mentioned Tall Oaks Event Barn that will be opening in Kirtland, but thought it might be too expensive.
- Sherry also suggested The Patrician.
- Bonnie Lillibridge suggested Lake Erie Bluffs, but Pat Humphrey mentioned that it might be difficult for needed technology.
- Pat Newyear suggested The Historical Society.
- Connie Irvin suggested that LCRTA could consider doing a box lunch or just have dessert.

Sherry also suggested not waiting too long to book a place, but Terri and Dave felt that Sue should just get information on possible venues right now and discuss it further at the next Board meeting.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet is requesting that members turn in volunteer hours. The hours can be mailed to Louise or emailed to: bnlbennet@yahoo.com. Louise will submit an article to the newsletter. Cathy Trepal said RSVP of Lake County was looking for volunteers to be Reading Buddy Pen Pals. Cathy stated that there were also other opportunities to volunteer there. Sherry looked up the website which listed Cristen Kane at 269-3015 as a contact. Louise plans to talk to RSVP and include the information in the newsletter.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Terri will report on COVID: Not So Common Symptoms.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller reported that the committee had a meeting on October 1st. The results of the Travel Interest Form will appear in the newsletter. Also the following trips are still on the schedule:

- Biltmore and the Smokies from December 5-9, 2020 has 8 people signed up.
- Holland Tulip Festival from May 6-8, 2021 has 10 people signed up.
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta from October 8-13, 2021 has 20 people signed up.

A discount for the Albuquerque trip is available until December 31st.

Those registered have up to 90 days before the trip to cancel. Sherry mentioned that members could watch this year's balloons on the internet this week.

More information about trips can be found on the website.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic stated the election was the big focus. Frank LaRose reported that multiple drop boxes would be available. Voting can be done absentee with drop off in mail or at the Board of Elections, by voting early at the Board of Elections, or by voting in person. Lynn Miller thanked Tom for letting people know that voters can check the status of the ballot by going to lakeelections.com. Voting information will be included in the newsletter along with some STRS Fun Facts. There is a push to have HB #6 repealed because of the underhanded way it was handled. Taxes would be raised if it is not repealed.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Sawitke will be sending out postcards on October 15th with information on renewing membership. Members are also asked to please donate to the Scholarship and Grant funds and specify on the check how the money should be distributed. The check should be made out to LCRTA and sent to Karen beginning November 1st.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn is in the process of sending messages to the present committee members and invites new people to join the committee.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCES: Pat Newyear sent Teri and Dave Menn a good will card. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Lillie Mae Wilson, Elaine Markey, and Ahmed Fellague. Pat received a thank you note from the Balogh family.

HISTORIAN: Sherry Niederkorn thanked Virginia Keller for the nice work done on the scrapbook.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn was pleased to announce that LCRTA made the ORTA newsletter for the September Zoom meeting. Tom and Terri thanked Sherry and Terri requested that the November meeting be sent to ORTA. LCRTA is the only group that is doing Zoom meetings for General Meetings. Sherry will send an article to the media to promote the meeting on November 10th and will ask new retirees to join.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge will be assembling the yearbook once members renew.

NEWSLETTER: Articles are due Friday, October 9th.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn has updated the obituaries and Social/Travel. Sherry thanked members for sending information.

NEW BUSINESS

- **BUDGET:** Pat Humphrey thanked the following members of the Budget Committee: Louise Bennet, Terri Herbert, Bonnie Lillibridge, and Vickie Stacy. Pat also thanked Sherry for making the Zoom meeting possible. Pat presented the proposed 2020-2021 budget that was accepted by Tom Moscovic and seconded by Pat Newyear.
- **Zoom:** Sherry was able to receive a \$24.51 discount for the Zoom account because a discount was offered the day after it was purchased.
- **Membership:** Karen Sawitke would like to form a committee to try to increase membership. Board members that volunteered to be on the committee include: Terri Herbert, Connie Irvin, Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, and Tim Niederkorn. Sherry mentioned that Florida has a booklet on how to grow membership.
- **Thank you:** Pat Newyear thanked Sherry and her assistant, Tim, for being technical advisors.
- **Program:** Sherry suggested Kathy Goss from Fox 8 to discuss the work done on the Garfield Memorial.
- **Next General Meeting:** A Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. Pat Newyear verified that four Board members would be installed. Sherry took photos of the four members as well as photos of Dave and Terri, who will become Directors on the Board.
- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board Meeting will be held on November 30th rather than in December to avoid the Biltmore trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary