

LCRTA GENERAL MEETING ZOOM – SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Sherry Niederkorn acknowledged the presence of each of the 39 members, guest Cheryl Sekura from GCRTA, new member Joe Kerata, Pam Pollino (Bette's daughter), and guest speaker, Dr. John Grabowski. Sherry then gave a brief presentation on Zoom Etiquette.

President Terri Herbert called the meeting to order at 11:38.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Greta Pate led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Greta meditated on how the Political, Racial, and especially the COVID Pandemic chaos has affected people's lives.

“WHERE WE ARE”: Terri gave a brief update on what has been happening since we last met. President Dave Morse discussed how members can get up-to-date information on LCRTA, ORTA, and STRS. Dave said that the Board will try to get a condensed version out to members.

PROGRAM: Sherry Niederkorn introduced Dr. John Grabowski. Dr Grabowski holds a joint appointment with the Department of History at Case Western Reserve and the Western Reserve Historical Society. Dr. Grabowski gave an interesting talk on “Our Last Pandemic: Similarities between COVID -19 and The Spanish Flu”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Members were sent a copy of the Secretary's Report submitted by Debbie Deal

Members were sent a copy of the Treasurer's Report submitted by Pat Humphrey and a copy of the Social/Travel Treasurer's Report submitted by Lynn Miller.

The Secretary Report was approved as written.

The Treasurer Reports will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program: Dave Morse has asked William Neville from STRS to speak via Zoom. Dave has not heard back at this time.

Meeting Chair: Sue McCarter asked members to email suggestions for new meeting places since the Kirtlander has closed. Sue reminded members that the venue must be large enough for a sizable group, handicap accessible, and have parking that is convenient.

Community Participation: Louise Bennet encouraged individuals to contribute to charities.

Info/Protective Services: Terri Herbert will write an article on unusual symptoms of COVID-19.

Social/Travel: Sherry Barbieri reported the following:

- The Biltmore and Smokies trip from December 5-9, 2020 is still on.
- The Holland Michigan Tulip Festival trip is scheduled for May 6-8, 2021.
- The Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta trip is scheduled for October 8-13, 2021.

Also, Interest Forms can still be mailed to Kathy Kling.

Legislative: Tom Moscovic encouraged everyone to vote. It is possible to vote absentee, by going to the Board of Elections and voting early, or by voting in person on Election Day. Absentee voters should request a form and mail it in early or drop it off at the Board of Elections.

Membership: Pat Newyear reported in Karen Sawitke's absence. Dues will be collected from November 1st through December 15, 2020. If dues are not paid by December 15th, members will not be included in the yearbook. A reminder will be sent out on October 15th.

Scholarship: Chair Tim Niederkorn reviewed what the committee has accomplished since the last General Meeting and thanked members of the committee.

- Committee Members are: Judy Grant, Lynda Krstolic, Jane Pastor, Dona Singerman, and Cathy Trepal.
- The following students were awarded scholarships:
Alyssa Desotell - \$1000; Marcus Mendez-Gibson - \$1000; Frankie Renee Srp - \$600.
- The three Dine-to-Donate events earned \$312.11.
- The committee will meet in September and welcomes new members to join by contacting Tim via email: tim.niederkorn@gmail.com

- Any member wishing to give a donation should make a check out to LCRTA Scholarship Fund and send it to Treasurer Pat Humphrey. Members are also encouraged to consider estate planning, bequeaths, and “In Memory of” gifts.

Sunshine/Remembrance: Pat Newyear reminded members that upon the death of an LCRTA member, \$10 is donated to the Scholarship Fund and a note is sent to the family.

Since the last General Meeting, Pat has sent the following cards:

Janene Ishee – Get Well from surgery
 Sandy Cobb – Thinking of You trying to get home from Florida
 Barb Inscho –Get Well for broken leg
 Pat Lewis – Sympathy card on the loss of her husband
 Family of Victor McIntire – Sympathy card
 Family of Thomas Houston – Sympathy card
 Elaine Courtney – Get Well card
 Ginny Keller – Get Well card
 Dona Singerman – Sympathy card on the loss of her sister
 Karen Sawitke – Thinking of You
 Char Langer – Sympathy card on the loss of her mother
 Family of Lynn Kerkel – Sympathy card
 Family of Joanne Speece – Sympathy card
 Family of Ron Balogh – Sympathy cards to sisters

Pat received thank you notes from Karen Sawitke, Pat Lewis, and Dona Singerman

Historian: Ginny Keller said that everything is up to date and that members were welcome to call her to set up a time to come look at the books while sitting on her back porch. Ginny also was introduced as the new President.

Public Relations: Sherry Niederkorn stated that articles had appeared in the papers concerning the scholarship winners, the virtual meeting, and the calendar of events.

Yearbook: Bonnie Lillibridge asked members to indicate any changes that need to be made when membership is renewed.

Newsletter/Teacher Grants: Louise Bennet reported in Karen Sawitke’s absence. Teacher Grants will be carried over from last year. Information for the newsletter is due on October 9th.

Website: Sherry Niederkorn mentioned that when accessing the website, members must put in “LCRTA of Ohio”. Sherry shared all that is on the website. Terri Herbert thanked Sherry for keeping the website so informative and current. Pat Newyear thanked Sherry for all her work setting up and helping people with the Zoom meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

The newsletter came out early in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Results – Terri Herbert reported that of the 182 postcards sent out, 85 were returned.

President: Virginia Keller
 President-Elect: Cathy Trepal
 Secretary: Debbie Deal
 Treasurer: Pat Humphrey

Sherry Niederkorn thanked Terri Herbert and David Morse for all they have done.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Well wishes go to Teri Menn as she and her husband recover from a horrific car accident.
- Barb Temple won the \$25 Giant Eagle gift card raffle for those in attendance.
- Zoom Board Meeting on October 5, 2020 at 1:00.
- Zoom General Meeting on November 10, 2020 at 11:30

Debbie Deal
 Secretary