

LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Members in attendance: Gail Allcock, Carolyn Arwood, Louise Bennet, Marilyn Decker, Terri Herbert, Lois Hosmer, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Janene Ishee, Ginny Keller, Joe Kerata, Bonnie Lillibridge, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Dave Morse, Tom Moscovic, Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Greta Patre, Becky Richardson, Dona Singerman, Barb Temple, Patricia White, Terry Weaver, and Judy Willour.

Guests: Speaker William Neville from STRS and Nick Treneff from STRS.

GCRTA members Lisa Ciocia, Sally Gilmore, Dave Hancock, Sue Lundstrom, Don McDonald, Jean Paine, and Cheryl Sekura.

CALL TO ORDER: President Terri Herbert called the meeting to order and introduced the guests from GCRTA. Chaplain Greta Pate spoke about November: The month that honors veterans, when elections are held, and when Thanksgiving occurs. Greta led the group in prayer and Terri lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROGRAM: Sherry Niederkorn introduced William Neville, Executive Director of STRS. Mr. Neville has been an integral part of STRS for 16 years. William Neville introduced Director Nick Treneff as his assistant. Mr. Neville stated that there are 178,000 active members in STRS and that \$7.5 billion dollars in benefits were spent in 2019-2020. There were 574 retirements in Ohio in 2020.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Secretary's report from the September General Meeting was approved as written.

Treasurer Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of November 1, 2020 to be \$8,570.51, which includes Scholarship monies of \$802.40. The report will be filed for audit.

Pat also presented the proposed budget for 2020-2021. The proposed budget increased from \$3700.00 to \$4100.00. Sherry Niederkorn moved to accept the budget and Dave Morse seconded the motion, which was approved by the members. Pat, Chair of the Budget Committee, thanked committee members Louise Bennet, Terri Herbert, Bonnie Lillibridge, and Vickie Stacy as well as Zoom coordinator Sherry Niederkorn.

Lynn Miller presented the Social/Travel Treasurer's report. Lynn reported a total of \$3,865.78 as of November 10, 2020. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Dave Morse stated that the February meeting would be a Zoom meeting. Dave would like a member to volunteer to take over as program chair. Dave will assist the person that volunteers.

MEETING CHAIR: Sue McCarter stated that the first possible time to meet in person would be April. The April meeting may be a joint meeting with GCRTA. Sue is checking into possible venues.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet mentioned that in these difficult times, any organization would appreciate a donation. Louise stated that Toys for Tots are looking for unwrapped gifts and books. Louise also mentioned that members that have not yet paid dues are encouraged to support the LCRTA Scholarship and Grant funds.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Terri Herbert stated that the article for the Bellringer would be on protecting financial data and would especially emphasize online transactions.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller reported the following events:

- Fine Arts Programs
 - “Stage Fright” (on YouTube)
 - “Home for the Holidays” (in person or on YouTube). Live performances will be held Dec. 3rd, 4th, and 5th at 7:30 and Dec. 6th at 2:00.
- Biltmore and Smokies at Christmas – Dec. 5-9 (Coordinator Sarah Reinhard)
- Holland Michigan Tulip Festival – May 6-8, 2021. If interested, call Great Day Travel first and then call coordinator Kathy Kling.
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta – October 8-13, 2021 (Coordinator Sherry Barbriere)
Deposits made by December 31st are able to be refunded up to 90 days before the trip.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported that Senate Bill #375 is being introduced as the new school funding plan. Republican Peggy Lehner and Democrat Vernon Sykes are working on the bill. Tom also mentioned that schools are having difficulty finding substitutes during the pandemic.

MEMBERSHIP: In Karen Sawitke's absence, Sherry Niederkorn reminded members to pay dues. Terri Herbert asked members to consider donating to the Scholarship and Grant funds when sending in dues. Pat Newyear stated that those not paid by December 1st would be called.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn stated that the documents were reviewed and revised. The outline for the procedure for Scholarships includes:

- Nov. 13, 2020 – mailing of documents
- Mar. 19, 2021 – deadline for submission of completed applications
- April 9, 2021 – applications mailed to committee for scoring
- April 23, 2021 – committee selects finalists to be notified for interviews
- May 5/6, 2021 – Interviews (dates will be edited to May 4/5)
- May 7, 2021 – winners notified
- June 8, 2021 – presentation of checks at luncheon (or sent upon registration of fall classes if not able to have luncheon)

Members are always welcome to send a donation to Treasurer, Pat Humphrey. Members may also consider Bequeath donations and Memorials. The committee hopes to be able to have Dine-to-Donates. New members to the committee are welcome.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: In Memory cards were sent to the families of Ahmed Fellague, Elaine Markey, Lillie Wilson, Elizabeth Lovsin, Barbara Inscho, and Wilbur Black. Get well cards were sent to Elaine Courtney and to Terri and Dave Menn.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn was pleased to announce that LCRTA's September Zoom meeting was featured in the ORTA magazine. The News-Herald also printed the press release for the November Zoom meeting the day after being sent. Terri suggested sending a press release on the installation of the new officers.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge reminded members to send in dues by December 15th in order to be included in the yearbook.

NEWSLETTER/TEACHER GRANTS: Articles for the newsletter are due to Karen Sawitke by January 8, 2021. Teacher Grants are being carried over from last year.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn invited members to visit the social/travel page and outlined details concerning the Fine Arts show.

OLD BUSINESS

- Current Directors are Tom Moscovic (2020), Karen Sawitke (2022), and Connie Irvin (2022). Tim Niederkorn volunteered to be a Director for the next 3 years.
- Meetings for 2020-2021 – Terri reported that February will be Zoom and it is too early to know about the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pat Newyear conducted the "Hands On" Installation of officers. Officers include Virginia Keller – President, Cathy Trepal – President-Elect, Debbie Deal – Secretary, and Pat Humphrey – Treasurer.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Sherry Niederkorn thanked outgoing Co-Presidents Terri Herbert and David Morse. Sherry was thanked for all the Zoom help.
- GCRTA member Dan McDonald thanked LCRTA for organizing the meeting.
- Any non-Board members that would like to attend the Zoom Board Meeting on November 30, 2020 should contact Sherry.
- Next General Zoom Meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 11:30.
- Pat Humphrey won a gift card to Meijers.

Recording Secretary
Debbie Deal

(Thank you to Virginia Keller for helping with secretary notes for the meeting)