

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2018
MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY**

BOARD MEMBERS

- **PRESENT:** Sherry Barbieri, Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Terri Herbert, Pat Humphrey, Bonnie Lillibridge, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Dave Morse, Tom Moscovic, Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Greta Pate, Joyce Peoples, Karen Sawitke Guest: Bette Pollino

CALL TO ORDER: President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 1:00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the May 7, 2018 board meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported the total of all monies as of August 13, 2018 to be \$8,629.84, which includes \$258.95 in scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL REPORT: Lynn Miller reported the total of all monies as of August 13, 2018 to be \$3,732.66. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Dave Morse reported that discussion by political candidates will be the program for the September meeting. The program for the November meeting is yet to be determined.

MEETING: Sue McCarter reported that the September luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn on Rte. 306. The November location is yet to be determined.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet reminded everyone to turn in volunteer hours. Taxable items will be collected at the September meeting for McKinley Community Outreach.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Terri Herbert has submitted her article for the newsletter.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL:

- Sherry Barbieri said there would be an information meeting at Mentor Library on August 30, 2018 at 1:00 for those traveling to Iceland.
- Sherry Niederkorn offered a flyer for the Fine Arts series to those interested.
- There will be a travel information meeting at Mentor Public Library on November 15, 2018 at 1:00.
- A holiday trip to Pittsburgh is planned for December 8, 2018.
- Those wishing to travel to Australia/New Zealand in October 2019 need to make reservations soon.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic reported the following;

- The U.S. Supreme Court decided public employee unions cannot charge representation fees to non-members.
- Senate Bill 34 and House Bill 549 would make state education funding contingent on school districts starting the school year after Labor Day. The bills would allow schools to opt out and not be financially penalized.
- House Bill 658 would require teachers to 'out' transgender children to their parents or guardians. It would be a felony for schools to provide gender dysphoria treatment without consent from each parent or guardian.
- Groundwork Ohio, an education advocacy organization, found poverty, race, and geography tied to lifelong success. Those not ready for kindergarten have a difficult time catching up over the years.
- A Right-to-Work Proposition was defeated in Missouri.

MEMBERSHIP: Barb Temple sent an article for the newsletter stating that dues will not be collected until November. Additional information about dues will appear in the October newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported that Kristi Bryll from Kirtland High School and Maxwell Webster from Mentor High School each received a \$1300 scholarship that was presented at the June luncheon. Tim read a thank you note received from Kristi. The scholarship committee will begin work on the 2019 scholarship process soon.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Pat Newyear sent cards to the family of Agnes Harper upon her passing, to Erwin Leffel upon the passing of his mother, and to Greta Pate who is recovering from foot surgery.

HISTORIAN: Joyce Peoples thanked Sherry Niederkorn for pictures and mentioned a request for any pictures from the Wooster trip.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Greta Pate and Sherry Niederkorn will submit articles inviting retired teachers to the candidate meeting in September. Karen Sawitke suggested that board members invite a retired teacher who is not a member to the meeting.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge had nothing to report.

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: Karen reported that the newsletter is completed and will be in the mail by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Moscovic sent out letters with stamped return envelopes to candidates at the end of July. The deadline for the candidates to respond is August 30, 2018. Tom will list the candidates in a speaking order and will send it to Sherry Niederkorn to make a power point. Louise Bennet suggested having a paper with the list of the candidates on the luncheon tables for each member.
- The Nominating Committee, which consisted of Dave Morse, Terri Herbert and Joyce Grady, contacted many members, but are still in need of finding a President and President-Elect. Karen Sawitke will become a director and Tom Moscovic will be the other director. Elections will take place in September.
- Discussion was held concerning whether LCRTA will collect dues for ORTA in addition to local dues in November. Karen will find out more information before making a final decision.
- Karen Sawitke has volunteered to take over membership. Karen requested that a committee be formed that would include general members as well as board members. Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, and Barb Temple volunteered to be on the committee.
- Karen stated that a Budget Committee is in need of three board members and two general members. Pat Humphrey will chair the committee and board members Louise Bennet, Terri Herbert, and Karen Sawitke offered to serve on it.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The September luncheon meeting will be held at the Mentor Holiday Inn on September 10, 2018.
- The next board meeting will be held on October 1, 2018 at the Kirtland Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary

