

LCRTA BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2107
HOLIDAY INN - RTE #306

BOARD MEMBERS

- **PRESENT:** Sherry Barbieri, Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Marilyn Decker, Terri Herbert, Pat Humphrey, Bonnie Lillibridge, Lynn Miller, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Greta Pate, Joyce Peoples, Karen Sawitke, and Barb Temple.
- **ABSENT:** Elaine Courtney, David Morse, Tom Moscovic, and Pat Newyear

The board members were given a free lunch in the hopes to entice the group back for the general meetings. The Holiday Inn dining/banquet facility is under new management.

CALL TO ORDER: President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 12:45.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the October 2, 2017 board meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported the total of all monies as of December 4, 2017 to be \$11,599.86 and scholarship money at \$1927.04. The report was filed for audit.

Terri Herbert asked if it would be more profitable to have the Jean Lentz Grant money in savings rather than in the checking account. Discussion was tabled.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL REPORT: Lynn Miller reported the total of all monies as of October 4, 2017 to be \$3009.12. The report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: The speaker at the next meeting will be Professor John Plecnik, who will be discussing the tax changes.

The September 10, 2018 meeting will be the Candidates Forum. Letters inviting the candidates need to be finished by the middle of June and sent out by July 1, 2018. Tom Moscovic would be in charge.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Any person with program ideas should contact Dave Morse.

Louise Bennet reported that the baskets used for collecting volunteer hours and cancelled stamps went missing after the last general meeting. The VA Hospital still wants cancelled stamps.

The charity chosen for February is Hannah's Home.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller reported that 21 people are going on the Philadelphia trip. There are 29 signed up for the trip to Iceland and no more reservations can be taken. Reservations for the Kentucky trip, which takes place May 16-20, 2018, need to be in by February 9, 2018.

There will be a Travel Committee meeting January 2, 2018 at Sherry Barbieri's house.

LEGISLATIVE: Karen Sawitke gave Tom Moscovic's report. The Lake County petition to politically redistrict reached enough signatures to be put on the ballot. The tax plan that would no longer allow teachers to claim \$250 for classroom materials passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Barb Temple reported 186 renewals and 59 non-renewals so far. A list was passed around for board members to relay any information on those that had not renewed.

Barb suggested that it be announced in the fall that membership dues would not be collected until November so as to shorten the time allowed to pay dues and to ensure people do not forget and pay two times.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn provided board members with a printed report from the scholarship committee. The report provided a very detailed time line. Tim also mentioned that the committee is no longer limiting applications to one per school.

SUNSHINE: Greta Pate sent a card to Cathy Trepal on the death of her father. A request was made for cards to be sent to Vickie Stacy for knee surgery and to Lynda Krstolic for hip surgery.

Greta asked if members had information on the passing of Donna Frey as there was no obituary.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn related that the articles sent to the News-Herald have not been published. Sherry will try contacting Tracey Read or Betsy Scott to publish news about scholarships.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge is preparing the new yearbook.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Karen reported that 9 applications have been turned in and that LCRTA would probably give out 4 grants again. The applications are due by December 31, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The results of the luncheon surveys indicated members preferred to eliminate the Elks. The Holiday Inn might be a possible replacement once the board learns more details on the cost and type of food, including the vegetarian meal.
- Board positions still needing to be filled include membership and President-elect. Terri Herbert volunteered to take the Info/Protective Services position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next luncheon is February 13, 2018.
- Next board meeting is March 5, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary