

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
MARCH 4, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS:

- **PRESENT:** Sherry Barbieri, Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Terri Herbert, Pat Humphrey, Bonnie Lillibridge, Lynn Miller, Sue McCarter, Tom Moscovic, Pat Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Greta Pate, and Karen Sawitke.
- **ABSENT:** Virginia Keller, Pat Mazzolini, and Dave Morse.

CALL TO ORDER: President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 1:07.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of March 4, 2019 to be \$11,309.37, which includes \$2,010.55 in scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also reported that the audit of the financial books was approved on February 27, 2019 by auditors Erwin Leffel and Carl Stumpf. A report of this audit will be made at the LCRTA General Meeting in April.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of March 4, 2019 to be \$2,501.26. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: Karen said that the speaker for April will be Pat Rullo, author of "Speak Up and Stay Alive", which concerns healthcare hazards. The grant and scholarship winners will be the program for the June meeting. Sherry Niederkorn added that the program for September would be given by Rebecca McFarland on the history of the Cleveland breweries, and for November the program would be the biography of Alexander Hamilton, presented by John Foster.

MEETINGS: Sue McCarter reported that the April and June meetings will be held at the Kirtlander Party Center. Reservations for the April 9, 2019 meeting are due by April 3rd. The choice will be chicken piccata or eggplant parmesan served family style at the cost of \$16.00. LCRTA was not required to put down a deposit or sign a contract for April and technical equipment will be provided at no cost. Sue reminded members to use the rear entrance. Greta Pate suggested that the salad should either be on the table before the Inspiration or served after the prayer. Sherry Niederkorn questioned if we were going to have any more luncheons at Holiday Inn. Pat Newyear commented that it is less confusing to have all the meetings at the same place. One complaint about the Kirtlander was that there is no railing for the handicap ramp.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet stated that Project Hope would be the charity for the April meeting. Desired items include disposables and gift cards. Louise also reported that Anita Daniels is the recipient of the free lunch for having the most volunteer hours. It is the recipient's responsibility to notify Sue what month the free lunch will be desired.

INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Terri Herbert's article for the Bellringer will be on recognizing stress.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn discussed the following events:

The Willoughby Fine Arts series: Debbie Gifford Quartet on March 6th, The Pop Tarts on May 1st, The Secret Garden on June 12th.

Holden Arboretum on May 21st with reservations due by April 15th.

Wooster Light Opera "Girl Crazy" on June 26th with reservations due May 6th.

Falling Waters and Flight 93 Memorial on July 11th. The cost is \$148 due by May 1st.

Rabbit Run Theater “My Way” with optional dinner on August 23rd due by July 25th.

Australia/New Zealand trip in October has 24 going.

Williamsburg Christmas trip December 6-9, 2019 needs \$100 paid by April 1st.

Sherry Niederkorn has flyers.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Moscovic discussed the following issues:

No Lake County school received an A report card. On HB #70, the state defends its school takeover law in an Ohio Supreme Court case. Local school groups are challenging the law. Support the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would require states and localities with recent history of voter discrimination to seek approval from the Department of Justice before making changes in election laws.

Governor Mike DeWine wants an 18-cent gas tax increase to aid road and bridge construction.

Ohio charter schools want more tax dollars which is money taken away from public schools.

Tom is concerned because the Bellringer does not have enough room for his articles. Sherry Niederkorn suggested that what cannot fit in the newsletter could be put on the website.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported that the deadline for students to submit applications is March 9, 2019. The committee will score the applications and the finalists will be selected for interviews to be held May 1st-2nd. Winners will be notified May 3rd.

The first fundraiser at Longhorn Steakhouse generated \$150.00.

The second fundraiser is to be held March 5th at Max and Erma’s.

The third fundraiser is to be held April 11th at the Bob Evan’s on Mentor Avenue.

Flyers are available from LCRTA members or can be downloaded and printed from the LCRTA website.

Sue requested that Tim notify the winners of details on how guests should pay for lunch.

Principals will be invited.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn reported that everything is current.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge needs any last-minute changes immediately. The yearbook needs to be to the printer by March 8th.

GRANTS: Karen named the grant recipients:

Donna Fiore from Mentor Shore Middle – Empty Bowls (Art)

Christine Downs from Willoughby Middle – History Comes Alive

Erin Avram from Fairport – Ohm’s Law

Christine Chandler from Madison – Graphic Novel Project

Karen has received thank you notes from all.

DISCUSSION ON GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP MONEY: Karen reported information from Robyn Raefield. The way grant money is paid out is fine. The money goes to the school and the teacher presents bills to the treasurer. Scholarship money should be paid to the student directly. If it is paid to the college, that amount is deducted from aid received.

DISCUSSION ON DUES: Robyn says the page on dues on the ORTA website is confusing. New members should be able to join locally. Dues for new members are \$40 with \$10 going to locals. The website states \$50, but this is not true. The website is going to change hosts. Pat reminded members to ignore bills saying money is due.

DISCUSSION ON TRIFOLD: Karen presented an updated trifold for new members and requested board members input.

DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER BOARD MEETING: Because many board members will be on the Australia trip during the October board meeting, the meeting date has been changed to September 23, 2019 at the Kirtland Library, if that location is available. Because of the change, the budget committee will need to ask for volunteers at the general meeting in June.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37.

Debbie Deal

Recording Secretary