

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 5, 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, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Greta Pate, Joyce Peoples, Karen Sawitke, and Barb Temple. Guest: Bette Pollino

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 1:02.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes from the December 4, 2017 board meeting were approved as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat Humphrey reported the total of all monies as of March 5, 2017 to be \$11,540.08, which included \$2,633.65 scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also submitted the Revenue and Expense Summary for all accounts for the year ending Dec. 31, 2017. The audited reports were found to be in good order.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL REPORT:** Lynn Miller reported the total of all monies as of March 5, 2017 to be \$2201.01. The report will be filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROGRAM:** Sue McCarter has volunteered to be the new meeting chair. It was reported that for the joint meeting at Quail Hollow in April, the two groups would be billed separately. Dave Morse will look into having the November meeting at Auburn Center.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Louise Bennet received a thank you note from Hannah's Home. For April, members will be asked to bring paper products. The recipient is yet to be determined since Louise did not know if donations were going to be brought to the combined meeting.

**INFORMATIVE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** Terri Herbert plans to write a series on emergency preparedness.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL:** Lynn Miller reported on the following events:

There are 19 people attending the Fine Arts program on Wednesday.

The Kentucky Trip was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Contact Sarah Reinhard to attend the Wooster trip to see "Babes in Arms".

Contact Sherry Niederkorn to attend the Captain's Baseball Game on July 29, 2018.

The "Potpourri of Ohio Treasures" trip will take place August 15-17, 2018.

A Social/Travel meeting will be held on March 14, 2018 at 1:00 at Lynn's house.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Tom Moscovic will submit a letter for the newsletter concerning the tragedies in schools and how to protect our students.

Ohio will have a Sales Tax Holiday August 3-5, 2018.

The Federal Government is cutting funds to public education.

The Republicans are in favor of Right-to-Work laws and the case is before the U.S. Supreme Court. This could end mandatory Fair Share fees, which would prevent unions from collecting union dues except on a voluntary basis. It could also mean no right to bargain a fair contract, possible loss of due process rights, and becoming an "at will employee".

**MEMBERSHIP:** Barb Temple expressed her concerns about ORTA dues. Members that had not paid dues the previous year(s) found that dues paid this year went to the previous year. Barb also mentioned that when retirees paid their dues through AMBA, ORTA was not sending the local portion to LCRTA in a timely manner. Karen Sawitke wrote to Dr. Robin Rayfield, Executive Director, concerning dues.

Barb also mentioned that LCRTA has some out-of-state members that should not have to pay to ORTA. These members will be considered associate members until a change in the constitution is made.

Karen Sawitke will email ORTA to discuss the board's concerns. Louise Bennet suggested inviting an ORTA executive to one of LCRTA's board meetings to hear concerns. Further discussion was tabled.

Stella Hull is LCRTA's regional liaison.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Chair, Tim Neiderkorn, reported that committee members include Judy Grant, Lynda Krstolic, Jane Pastor, and Dona Singerman.

The scholarship process is approaching two deadlines: March 9th is the deadline for students to submit applications and March 16th is when completed must be received by LCRTA.

The committee will meet to create a rubric to be used to score the applications.

The following is a timeline for the final phase:

- April 13<sup>th</sup> – applications sent to committee via email
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – finalists selected and notified for interview
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – finalists interviewed
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – announcement and notification of winners
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – presentation of scholarship checks

**SUNSHINE:** Sherry Niederkorn asked for a "Thinking of You" card to be sent to Grace McHugh, who has traveled with LCRTA.

**HISTORIAN:** Joyce Peoples requested Philadelphia pictures and Sherry Niederkorn honored the request.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Greta Pate and Sherry Niederkorn will submit articles to local papers.

**YEARBOOK:** Bonnie Lillibridge reported that the books would be distributed at the April meeting with the name tags.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Karen reported that there was a change in the Lentz Grant winners due to one of the winners having to take a leave of absence due to an accident.
- A President Elect and two directors are needed. A nominating committee will be appointed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dave Morse reported on the procedure for the April 3, 2018 joint meeting at Quail Hollow. The meeting will be held in the Veranda Room. There will not be a chapter meeting that day. The speakers, John Patterson and John Ecklund, will be given 8 minutes apiece and then time for questions will follow. The cost for the luncheon will be \$19.00 with \$1.00 allocated for scholarship. The 50/50 raffle will be split in half with proceeds going to the grant fund.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Newsletter articles are due by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary

