

**LCRTA BOARD MEETING  
KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MAY 6, 2019**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 1:10.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of May 6, 2019 to be \$10,547.84, which includes \$2,250.24 in scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also reported that the IRS information that is required has been sent.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL REPORT:** Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of May 6, 2019 to be \$5,894.07. The report will be filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROGRAMS:** David Morse stated that the September meeting program will be on Cleveland breweries and that the November meeting program will be on Alexander Hamilton.

**MEETINGS:** Sue McCarter reported that the June meeting will be held in the front room of the Kirtlander in order to accommodate more guests. Those attending should park in the front. There will be one registration table for members and one for guests. The menu will include roast beef au jus, au gratin potatoes, and a vegetable medley served family style, or vegetable lasagna. Salad and rolls will be served first and there will be a pastry platter for dessert. School principals are invited with the grant participants and one grant participant will have a guest. Principals and family of the scholarship winners will also be invited. Tim Niederkorn will invite the principals of the scholarship winners. Principals and guests are to pay for their luncheon.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Louise Bennet stated that the Lake County Humane Society would be the charity for the June meeting. The Humane Society is in need of crates, towels, latex-free disposable gloves, cat food, cat litter, and dog food. Louise also mentioned that Project Hope was very appreciative of the many items donated at the April meeting and wished to express a thank you to the membership.

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

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL:** Sherry Barbieri reported that the Wooster Light Opera performance on June 26, 2019 needs more people to attend or will operate at a loss.

Reservations for the August 23, 2019 show "My Way" at Rabbit Run are due by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah Reinhard will check on availability for the December 6-9, 2019 trip to Williamsburg.

A Captain's Baseball Game is scheduled for July 17, 2017 at 7:00.

Sherry Niederkorn has flyers for trips.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Tom Moscovic reported that a bill was signed into law mandating schools in Ohio to teach students to write legibly in cursive by 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

State Representatives Bob Cupp and John Patterson collaborated to come up with a better school-funding system that is called the "Fair School Funding Plan". Speaker of the House Larry Householder told Gongwer News Service that the plan needs more work so may not be achievable by the June state budget deadline.

House Bill 154, presented by Joe Miller and Don Jones, would repeal the law that allows the state to take over local school districts that are deemed in trouble, thus allowing school districts to keep control.

Tom also reported on Ohio's average rating on starting salary for teachers and on per student spending as compared to the national averages.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Karen Sawitke stated that the tri-fold LCRTA flyer is now available.

Karen is sorting through a list of all retirees from Lake County. Sherry Niederkorn stated that this is the time to talk to new retirees. Lake County school boards should be contacted for names. Sherry volunteered to contact the

Willoughby-Eastlake board. This process needs to be finished by the end of June or early July so letters can be sent out. New membership cards need to be ordered.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Tim Niederkorn reported that the committee compiled the scores of 21 applicants and invited eight finalists for interviews. The interviews were held on May 1-2 and two candidates were selected. Those receiving scholarships are Katherine Patty from Mentor and Gabrielle Taylor from Wickliffe. Scholarship winners will be recognized and presented checks at the June luncheon.

Tim also reported that the three "Dine-to-Donates" netted \$389.56. The committee found it very difficult to select only two winners so would like to explore a corporate giving program and a member bequest program to allow for more funds. Corporate cannot write it off, so that would have to be given by individuals. Pat Newyear suggested increasing the IMO money that goes to scholarship to \$15 or \$20. This would need to be voted on by the budget committee.

Tim thanked the following members of the committee: Judy Grant, Linda Krstolic, Jane Pastor, and Dona Singerman. Louise Bennet complimented Tim on the wonderful changes in the scholarship process.

**SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE:** Pat Newyear sent a get-well card to Karen Sawitke. A question of whether Ted Hieronymus had been a member long enough to have an IMO gift given was discussed. Pat received nice cards from the families of Alice Lillich and Florence Luthanen.

**HISTORIAN:** Virginia Keller thanked Sherry Niederkorn for pictures. Virginia reported that the scrapbook is up-to-date and is on display at the luncheons.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Greta Pate requested a copy of the menu and program to have for writing articles. The four grant winner names can be published, but the names of the scholarship winners cannot be published yet. Sherry Niederkorn will write a separate article congratulating new retirees.

**WEBSITE:** Sherry Niederkorn reported that the website is up-to-date.

**YEARBOOK:** Bonnie Lillibridge reported that a total of 230 yearbooks were ordered. To date, 176 books have been distributed. The total cost of yearbooks was \$675.84, which was within the budget. Karen and Bonnie discussed the printing error that was made by X-Press Printing Company that left out some names and put in some incorrect names. A meeting will be scheduled with the company to discuss the best way to correct the problem. Karen said that the missing names would appear in the newsletter.

#### **DISCUSSIONS:**

- Karen received a letter from Susan Lambert requesting that personal information not be included in the yearbook. The board agreed that there is nothing printed in the yearbook that cannot be obtained in many ways and that many members appreciate having contact information for other members. Any member that does not want contact information included can request that it not to be printed.
- A Budget Committee needs to be in place this summer. Pat Humphrey will chair the committee and board members Louise Bennet, Terri Herbert, and Greta Pate volunteered to be on the committee. Karen will ask for general members to volunteer to join the committee at the June luncheon.
- The board meeting that is usually held the first Monday in October will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Kirtland Library. The change was made because many board members will be on the Australia trip.
- A student from Harvey requested money to attend the Educators Rising National Competition in Dallas. The board agreed that the budget does not allow for providing that type of service.
- Sue McCarter mentioned that the Juvenile Court is looking for volunteers to tutor math and science. Karen stated that the request could be put in the newsletter.

**OTHER:** Newsletter articles are due by May 10<sup>th</sup>

The next luncheon is June 11, 2019 at the Kirtlander Party Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary

