

**LCRTA GENERAL MEETING
KIRTLANDER PARTY CENTER
FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

Call to Order: President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Welcome: Guests present included Audrey and Bill Wieland who are members of Geauga County Retired Teachers, Judy Penrod, and John Plecnik, a teacher at Cleveland State who would like to become an associate member.

Invocation: Chaplain Terri Herbert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the history of President's Day, which began as a celebration of Washington's Birthday and then became known as President's Day starting in 1971. Terri then led the group in prayer.

Luncheon: Members and guests were served chicken marsala or vegetarian lasagna, salad, rolls, potatoes, green beans, and cheesecake.

Program: John Frato gave an interesting talk and slide presentation entitled "Euclid Beach, Then and Now". Euclid Beach closed September 28, 1969.

BUSINESS MEETING

- **Secretary's Report:** A motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting was given by Tom Moscovic and seconded by Elaine Courtney. The motion was approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of December 31, 2018 to be \$12,143.55, which includes \$1,947.23 for scholarship and a total of all monies as of February 12, 2019 to be \$11, 237.22, which includes \$1967.40 for scholarship. The report will be filed for audit.
- **Social/Travel Treasurer's Report:** Sherry Barbieri reported a total of all monies as of December 31, 2018 to be \$2,440.79 and a total of all monies as of February 12, 2019 to be \$2,272.95. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Scholarship:** Tim Niederkorn reported that the scholarship process is in progress and that applications and recommendations are being received. Tim also reported that the committee is holding three Dine-to-Donate events. Flyers were given to those present for Longhorn Steakhouse on February 21, 2019, for Max & Erma's on March 5, 2019, and for Bob Evans on Mentor Avenue on April 11, 2019. Additional flyers can be printed from the LCRTA website.
- **Legislative:** Tom Moscovic discussed Asia's Law. Starting this school year, all Ohio public high schools are required to teach about organ and tissue donation. Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers were handing out information cards to truckers and others in a position to help identify signs of human trafficking. The Ohio Senate has passed House Bill #58, a bill that would give Ohio schools resources to develop and model a curriculum for cursive handwriting instruction. Snow days are now dependent on hours rather than days. Grants are available for schools to hire Resource Officers.

Because of how the State Report Card criteria is calculated, no school in Lake County received an A rating.

- **Social/Travel:** Sarah Reinhard discussed the following trips and events:
Fine Arts Matinee Series on March 6, 2019, May 1, 2019, and June 22, 2019.
Holden Arboretum on May 21, 2019.
Wooster Light Opera to see “Girl Crazy” on June 26, 2019.
Falling Water and Flight 93 Memorial on July 11, 2019.
Rabbit Run Theater to see “My Way” on August 23, 2019.
Australia and New Zealand trip in October of 2019.
Williamsburg Christmas trip from December 6-9, 2019.
Albuquerque, New Mexico trip from October 8-15, 2020.
- **Program:** David Morse mentioned that the program for April would be given by Pat Rullo on promoting healthcare and hospital safety.
The program for September will be on the history of Cleveland breweries, and for November the program will be on Alexander Hamilton.
Dave also said that the centerpieces would be given to the person seated on the chair that has a sticker.
Sunshine: Pat Newyear sent a sympathy card to the family of Lorelle Behrend, a get well card to Lynn Miller on her recent surgery, and a thinking of you card to Sue Beyerle. Sherry Niederkorn brought a card for people to sign for Bob Myotte.
- **Yearbook:** Bonnie Lillibridge asked members to contact her at bonnielillibridge@gmail.com to report changes for the yearbook.

OLD BUSINESS

- Karen reported that the grant letters have been sent. There were 10 applications and four grants given. The recipients from Willoughby-Eastlake Middle, Mentor Shore, Fairport Harbor, and Madison will be presenting in June.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 50/50 drawing of \$40.00 was won by Virginia Keller.
- The Free Lunch drawing was won by Rose Hixenbaugh.
- Karen introduced the new owners of the Kirtlander – Jason and Shannon
- The next general meeting will be April 9, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary