

**LCRTA GENERAL MEETING  
ST. JOHN VIANNEY SOCIAL HALL  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

**Call to Order:** President Karen Sawitke called the meeting to order at 11:34.

**Welcome:** Karen welcomed new member Virginia Keller.

**Invocation:** Chaplain Terri Herbert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Inspiration entitled "Winter Garden in One's Eye" by Cynthia Adams.

**Luncheon:** Members had a choice of turkey or veggie quiche with mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and apple pie square.

**PROGRAM:** Dave Morse introduced John Plecnik, a professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. John discussed new income tax rules in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Members with further questions can email John at: johnplecnik.com.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting were approved as corrected.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies to be \$11,578.00, which included the \$2,552.45 scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also submitted the audit of the 2017 financial books of LCRTA which were approved on February 2, 2018.
- **Social/Travel Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies to be \$2,296.90. The report will be filed for audit. The audit of the 2017 social/travel financial books were approved on February 2, 2018.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Scholarship:** Tim Niederkorn reported the timeline for scholarship applications. The applications must be submitted to school counselors by March 9, 2018, and sent in by March 16, 2018. The winners will be chosen by April 7, 2018, and will be awarded at the June 12, 2018 meeting.
- **Sunshine:** Greta Pate sent get well cards to the following members:
  - Pat Newyear – because of continuous infection
  - Jim Haines – because of infection
  - Pat Humphrey – because of a broken arm due to a fall on the ice
  - Bette Pollino – because of parathyroid surgeryGreta also sent sympathy cards to:
  - Gail Lowe on the death of her husband, Ed
  - the family of Mildred Kahr upon her passing.Sherry Niederkorn brought get-well cards for attendees to sign for Pat Newyear, Grace McHugh, and Gail Allcock
- **Social/Travel:** Lynn Miller discussed the following social/travel opportunities:
  - Programs at Willoughby Fine Arts
  - Kentucky – Horses, History, and Hooch, which will take place from May 16-20.
  - Wooster Light Opera, which will take place on June 27, 2018.
    - Reservations are due by June 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Captains Baseball on July 20, 2018.
  - Ohio Potpourri Trip from August 15-17, 2018.
  - Iceland (now closed) from September 15-23, 2018.

The committee is working on a Christmas trip as well as the possibility of a trip to Australia/New Zealand in 2019.

- **Legislative:**  
Tom Moscovic reminded members that the September meeting will feature the candidates.  
Primary election will take place on May 8, 2018.  
Senate Bill 240 will address changes in school testing and how schools are rated.  
August will have a sales tax-free day.  
Right to work could be on the ballot in 2020.  
Charter Schools only have a graduate rate of 45%, which is behind large urban public school graduate rate of 75%.
- **Program:** Dave Morse reported that the April 3, 2018 joint meeting at Quail Hollow will feature John Eckland and John Patterson speaking on the current status of public education funding.  
The June meeting will feature Tom Swope speaking on World War II.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Karen Sawitke announced that Sue McCarter has volunteered to be the Meeting Chair. There is still a need for President-elect and for Membership chair. Barb Temple is willing to help the volunteer that takes over Membership.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Karen reported that ORTA has changed the districts to 5 sections. LCRTA is now in the NE section and will have a new district representative.
- Thirteen grant applications have been received. Schools include Madison, Kirtland, Willoughby-Eastlake, and Riverside. One applicant may have to withdraw because of a leave due to a broken ankle. Karen is asking the grant committee to meet right after this meeting.
- Sherry Niederkorn reported that last year's LCRTA grant winner articles appeared in the ORTA publication and in Mimi's Magazine.
- Karen discussed returning to the Holiday Inn for a meeting. Holiday Inn's restaurant is under new management and treated the board to a free lunch. Members voted to meet there in September.
- Karen also reported that Greta Pate suggested having a meeting at the Coach House on Rte. 306. The June meeting will be held there.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Pat Mazzolini mentioned that Senior Citizen facilities offer free tax preparation and could use qualified people to help. Pat also encouraged members to consider working the polls.
- The 50/50 drawing of \$44.00 went to Louise Bennet, who donated the money back to LCRTA.
- Dave Morse won the free lunch for April.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Debbie Deal

Recording Secretary