

**LCRTA GENERAL MEETING
THE COACH HOUSE
JUNE 12, 2018**

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

Welcome: Karen welcomed Stella Hull, Northeast Region Liaison and Robin Rayfield, the Executive Director of ORTA.

Invocation: Chaplain Terri Herbert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Inspiration “A Time of Freedom” by Abbey Silent.

Luncheon: Members had a choice of chicken with baked potato and green beans or pasta primavera. Lunch also included salad, rolls, and ice cream.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tim Niederkorn, Scholarship Chair, thanked the members of the committee. The committee received eight applications, interviewed five candidates, and selected two recipients for the \$1300 scholarships. Tim invited members to join the committee next year and asked for members to support the Scholarship Committee in order to offer more scholarships in the future.

- Kristi Bryll, a student from Kirtland High School, will be attending Kent State for a degree in Education.
- Maxwell Webster, a student from Mentor High School, will be attending Bowling Green State for a degree in Education.

JEAN P. LENTZ MEMORIAL ACTIVE TEACHER GRANT RECIPIENTS

Karen Sawitke thanked the committee that chose the recipients. Karen reported that the committee received 15 grant applications and chose four. One of the recipients could not fulfill the commitment because of an injury, so will become one of the recipients next year.

- Kattya Romero Mora, a Spanish teacher at Willoughby High School, used the grant money to bring artifacts from the Cleveland Museum of Art that students could see and touch. Kattya wanted to add a cultural factor into Spanish class.
- Tim Pira, a science teacher at Madison High School, used the grant money to build an aquaponics tank. Aquaponics is a blending of hydroponics (growing in water) and aquaculture (raising fish in captivity), a process that may some day help in solving world hunger.
- Scott Soeder, a music teacher at Kirtland Elementary School, used the grant money to start a music library to fit with the curriculum.
- Janet Sovey, a personal fitness teacher at Madison Middle School, used the grant money to purchase polar heart rate monitor straps to be used by students.

BUSINESS MEETING

- **Secretary’s Report:** Minutes from the April 3, 2018 meeting were approved as written.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** A total of all monies as of June 5, 2018 was \$8542.78, which included \$184.69 in scholarship money. The report was filed for audit.

- **Social/Travel Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Miller reported a total of \$5175.27 as of May 7, 2018 and a total of \$4,112.34 as of June 12, 2018. The report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Social/Travel:** Sherry Barbieri and Sherry Niederkorn mentioned the following:
 Wooster Ohio Light Opera on June 27, 2018
 Captain's Game on July 29, 2018
 Potpourri of Ohio from August 15-17, 2018
 Iceland pre-departure meeting August 30, 2018 at Mentor Library at 1:00
 Pittsburgh Christmas trip December 8, 2018
 Australia/New Zealand information will be coming.
- **Sunshine/Remembrance:** Pat Newyear sent sympathy cards to the family of Agnes Harper upon her passing and to Erwin Leffel on the passing of his mother.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Nominating Committee:** Karen Sawitke reported that the nominating committee needed one person from the board and two general members to join. David Morse volunteered and reiterated the request. Joyce Grady and Terri Herbert then volunteered to serve.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **Robin Rayfield:** COLA – ORTA has asked for some idea of what needs to happen before STRS members can see something more. ORTA would like to see either a benefit enhancement or COLA returned when the fund hits a certain percentage.
 Members interested in the newsletter can go to the website.
- **Stella Hull:** There is a petition members can sign for COLA.
 POP 5 is not a help.
 AMBA dues: Members will get a post card reminder when to send in dues.
 Local chapters will be sent \$10.00 out of the dues. There is a concern that local chapters will not get personnel information from AMBA. Many people join AMBA for the purpose of insurance and are not interested in local chapters.
- Free lunch drawing winner – Tim Niederkorn
- 50/50 Raffle winner – David Morse (\$68.00 divided)
- Next board meeting – August 6, 2018 at Kirtland Library at 1:00.
- Next general meeting -- Candidates Luncheon on September 10, 2018 at the Mentor Holiday Inn.

Debbie Deal
 Recording Secretary