

**LCRTA ZOOM BOARD MEETING
MAY 3, 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of April 27, 2021 to be \$10,843.57, which includes \$2,875.91 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit.

Pat also stated that the 2020 LCRTA audit is scheduled for May 17, 2021. The results will be shared at the General Meeting on June 8, 2021.

The Form 990-N for the 2020 tax year was submitted to the IRS on April 14, 2021.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of May 3, 2021 to be \$3,866.73. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM: Connie Irvin stated that the top choice in the poll of desired programs is entertainment and the preferred length of program is 30 minutes. Connie would appreciate any entertainment suggestions for the September meeting.

MEETINGS: Sue McCarter will begin looking into venues once it is determined when LCRTA will have in-person meetings.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Louise Bennet stated that although LCRTA is not asking for volunteer hours at this time, members are encouraged to submit hours. Louise's address and email address will appear in the next newsletter.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Sherry Barbieri mentioned the following events:

- Lake County Captains Baseball Game – June 29th at 7:00 p.m. The order form is on the website.
- "Lights Out" – Dinner and show on July 22nd at 7:00 at Villa Croatia. The show is a tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The cost is \$65 and is due to Sherry Barbieri by June 18th.
- "Walt Wise" – Dinner and show on August 20th at noon at Villa Croatia. The show features music by Elton John and Billy Joel. The cost is \$60 and is due to Sherry Barbieri by July 16th.
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta – October 8-11, 2021.
- Nashville Aglow – December 8-11, 2021. Contact Sarah Reinhard if interested. A \$100 deposit is due ASAP.
- Mississippi Riverboat Cruise – September 25-Oct. 3, 2022. Contact is Sherry Niederkorn.
- Riverboat Cruise of the Great Rivers – September 2023. Contact is Sherry Niederkorn.
- **LEGISLATURE:** Tom Moscovic began by praising the article on LCRTA in the News-Herald. Tom addressed the following issues:
- Fair School Funding -- School administrators and teachers unions praised the inclusion of a public school funding formula as part of the proposed state budget, but see other areas that could be improved or even removed. The budget bill passed by the Ohio House this week includes folds in the funding bill that has been running through a House committee as a standalone bill, and which has been in the works for years. The six-year phase-in of the funding formula includes annual spending of nearly \$2 billion per year, but places the burden of funding schools more directly on the state, and allows for more study of the true cost of individual districts to educate students. The Legislative Service Commission estimates the statewide average base cost per pupil will be \$7202.00.
- Regarding the EdChoice private school voucher program, direct state payments will be made, rather than under the current system, where deductions are taken from the public school district where the student is a resident.
- Among the many other parts of the education budget proposal, school administrators targeted funding for economically disadvantaged students as a point in need of improvement.

- A "Best State" survey conducted by YouGov, a London-based research data and analytics group, ranked Ohio 33rd among the 50 states and District of Columbia.
- The average starting salary in Ohio ranked #39; the average salary ranked #17, and the per student spending ranked #26 in the nation.

MEMBERSHIP: Louise Bennet read Karen Sawitke's report, which stated there were no new members.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn reported that on April 23rd the committee reviewed 16 applications and selected 8 candidates for interviews. The finalists will be interviewed in person at Eastlake North High School on May 4-5. The winners will be notified on May 5th and guidance counselors and building principals will also be notified. The presentation will be held on June 8th during the General Meeting. Tim thanked his committee and everyone who has contributed this year.

SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE: Pat Newyear sent a get-well card to Robert Myotte who suffered a minor stroke.

HISTORIAN: Ginny Keller loaned the scrapbook to the reporter and will look into its return.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: On April 26th, Pat Humphrey, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, and Cathy Trepal met at Ginny Keller's house for an interview with reporter Marah Morrison. Marah wrote a nice article on LCRTA for the News-Herald. Sherry sent a copy to ORTA.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge reported that 182 yearbooks were printed and 159 were distributed. The total cost to print and mail the books was \$722.75, which comes to about \$4.00 each. Bonnie also mentioned that the yearbook is at the max number of pages allowed for that format. Bonnie will put an article in the newsletter asking for corrections and additions and also requests to be contacted by any member that did not receive a book. After eleven years as yearbook editor, Bonnie submitted a letter of resignation. Board members thanked Bonnie for the many years of service.

NEWSLETTER: Louise reported that Karen needs the newsletter articles by May 10th at the very latest.

GRANTS: Louise reported that Karen has contacted the Perry recipients and those teachers will either Zoom or send a video for the June meeting. Karen has not been able to reach the other two recipients at this time. Louise will assist Karen in this.

WEBSITE: Sherry Niederkorn stated that the website is up to date.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Humphrey mentioned that a question about membership had been tabled at the previous board meeting. The item will be tabled until the next meeting since Karen is absent.

NEW BUSINESS

- Greta Pate requested a rewording in the LCRTA yearbook since revisions have been made in Robert's Rules of Order. The Board felt that since the yearbook states LCRTA will use the most current revised edition, that is sufficient. Ginny will address the fact that a new revision is being used in the President's letter in the newsletter.
- A discussion was held concerning when LCRTA should return to in person meetings. Sherry offered a Zoom poll to board members and based on the response, Tom Moscovic made a motion to Zoom in June and to look toward an in person meeting in September. Pat Newyear seconded the motion.
- Pat Humphrey made a motion to have an in person meeting in September. Greta Pate seconded the motion. The Board approved both motions.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Next General Meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th
- Next Board Meeting will be Monday, August 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28.

Debbie Deal
Recording Secretary