

**LCRTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

**Members in attendance:** Gail Allcock, Carolyn Arwood, Sherry Barbieri, Louise Bennet, Clarence Bowers, Debbie Deal, Marilyn Decker, Marilyn Dolence, Carol Guth, Lois Hosmer, Pat Humphrey, Connie Irvin, Janene Ishee, Ginny Keller, Char Langer, Bonnie Lillibridge, Sue McCarter, Lynn Miller, Dave Morse, Tom Moscovic, Ray Newyear, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Greta Pate, Sarah Reinhard, Karen Sawitke, Dona Singerman, Barb Temple, Cathy Trepal, Terry Weaver, Pat White, Judy Willour

**Guest Speaker:** Beth Bolas

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ginny Keller called the meeting to order at 11:40 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Greta Pate gave the Meditation on how struggle has advantages. The reading was from the International Lions and Greta substituted the word teachers in place of Lions.

**PROGRAM:** Sherry Niederkorn introduced Guest Speaker Beth Bolas from Lake County Solid Waste District. Beth gave a very informative talk on what to recycle and how to recycle the correct way to avoid contamination.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

The Secretary's report from the November General Meeting was approved as written. Treasurer Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of December 31, 2020 to be \$11,826.67, which includes Scholarship monies of \$2,815.56 and a total of all monies as of Feb. 2, 2021 to be \$11,846.79, which includes Scholarship monies of \$2,825.68. The report will be filed for audit.

Pat explained that an audit would not be held until it is safe to meet. Pat also said that some members received postcards from ORTA concerning having not renewed membership. These postcards were sent in error and the problem has been corrected.

Lynn Miller reported the Social/Travel checking report as of December 31, 2020 to be \$3866.18 and as of Feb. 9, 2021 to be \$3866.26. The report will be filed for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROGRAM:** Dave Morse reported that the April meeting will be a Zoom meeting. The June meeting will feature the Scholarship winner and Randy Overbeck will be the guest speaker for the November meeting. Dave recommended Randy's book The Crimson Tide.

**MEETING CHAIR:** Sue McCarter has not made inquiries.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** Louise Bennet has nothing to report. Louise put a nice article in the Bellringer on how to help others in the community.

**INFO/PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** Terri Herbert put an informative article in the Bellringer on how to protect your financial data.

**SOCIAL/TRAVEL:**

- Sherry Niederkorn is inviting all members to a Virtual Game Night on Tuesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Sherry also encourages members to look at the website.
- Holland, Michigan Tulip Festival – May 6-8, 2021. The first bus is full and a second bus may or may not be added. Call Great Tours and then Kathy Kling if interested.
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta – October 8-13, 2021. People can still sign up. Contact Sherry Barbieri.
- Nashville Aglow–Opryland Hotel –December 8-11, 2021. A \$100 deposit is due ASAP

- Mississippi Riverboat Cruise “Charms of the South” – Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2022. This trip is now open and a Webinar Zoom will be offered on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.
- Riverboat Cruise of the Great Rivers - planned for Sept 2023. People can pre-register by calling 800 221-2610 Ext. 3472. Deposits are being accepted.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Tom Moscovic reported that the Governor presented his proposals: money was added for broadband, more school funding for wrap around services, and vouchers increase by 8.4%.

Tom questions why not touch the Rainy Day Fund? No plan to discuss funding?

The House re-introduced the Fair Funding Plan.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Karen Sawitke reported that 16 members did not renew. There are 147 members, which includes two new members – William Baxter and Janet Kramer.

Karen would like to set up a Zoom meeting with the membership committee to look into those that did not renew. Sherry asked if the Board could have a list of those members. Karen also mentioned that those that join from AMBA usually do not contribute to LCRTA and would like to see that change.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Tim Niederkorn reported that the mailings have been sent out. March 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applications. Donations are being accepted and should be sent to Pat Humphrey. Tim asked members to consider memorials and bequeaths.

**SUNSHINE/REMEMBRANCE:** Sherry gave the report in Pat Newyear’s absence.

In Memory Cards were sent to the families of William Baker, Annarosa Ginevra, and Linda Clapacs. A sympathy card was sent to Tom Guerra on the loss of his brother and get-well wishes were sent to Elaine Courtney and to Dave and Teri Menn.

**HISTORIAN:** Ginny Keller has put the agendas in the scrapbook.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Sherry Niederkorn has submitted articles to newspapers.

**YEARBOOK:** Bonnie Lillibridge stated that email addresses would be included in the yearbook unless a member opted out by contacting Bonnie or Karen Sawitke by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWSLETTER:** Karen Sawitke requests information by March 12<sup>th</sup> so the newsletter can be sent by March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TEACHER GRANTS:** Karen will contact teachers that received grants to see if it was possible to complete the projects this year. Recipients will be invited to the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is \$1600 in the grant fund.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The STRS Forensic Audit accumulated the needed \$75,000 for the audit, which began Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue for 3-4 months. Ginny Keller received a letter from Rita Walters (Chair of the STRS Board) detailing why members are not getting a COLA.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Sherry Niederkorn received correspondence from the Ohio Federation of Teachers requesting members to endorse two candidates. Sherry will put the link on the website. Tom mentioned that Rita Walters was endorsed by ORTA.
- Sherry welcomed Ginny as President

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

- Target Raffle winner of \$25 – Cathy Trepal
- Monday, March 1, 2021 – Zoom Board Meeting at 1:30
- Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – Zoom General Meeting at 11:30

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27.

Debbie Deal  
Recording Secretary