

LCRTA BOARD MEETING

KIRTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 6, 2024

PRESENT: Louise Bennet, Debbie Deal, Joyce Dick, Pat Humphrey, Ginny Keller, Char Langer, Bonnie Lillibridge, Marion Lipinski, Lynn Miller, Tom Moscovic, Sherry Niederkorn, Tim Niederkorn, Karen Sawitke, Mary Sleeman, and Cathy Szuter.

ABSENT: Connie Irvin and Greta Pate.

President Cathy Szuter called the meeting to order at 1:00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the March 4, 2024 board meeting were approved with one revision.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Humphrey reported a total of all monies as of May 6, 2024 to be \$11,916.36 which included \$2,583.51 in Scholarship monies. The report will be filed for audit. Pat also reported that the 990-N form was filed electronically with IRS on April 24, 2024. Sherry Niederkorn stated that in order to renew the Zoom account, LCRTA will owe \$135.91 by June 21, 2024. Sherry will write the check and then be reimbursed.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Miller reported a total of all monies as of May 6, 2024 to be \$4,044.60. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEETING: Mary Sleeman stated that she and Joyce Dick have a meeting scheduled at The Kirtlander following this meeting to plan the June and September meetings. Louise Bennet questioned why the number of chairs at the luncheon tables had changed to 6. Mary said it was so it would be easier to see the speaker. The concern is finding a balance between good visibility without turning chairs around and not being too far away from the speaker, so Mary will see if some tables can have 6 and others towards the back can have 8.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Louise Bennet reported that donations will be made to McKinley Community Kitchen. A list of desired items will be posted in the newsletter.

SOCIAL/TRAVEL: Lynn Miller reported the following:

- May 24, 2024 – Lake County Captains. Send the registration form and check to Sherry Niederkorn by May 10th.
- June 27, 2024 – “Tuesdays with Morrie” at Rabbit Run. An optional dinner will be held at Jennifer Williams’ home. Jennifer requested no donations for the meal, so those that wrote a check were reimbursed. Send the reservation form and check to Sherry Niederkorn by May 30th.
- August 11, 2024 – “Beautiful, The Carol King Musical” at the Beck Center. Send the reservation form and check to Sherry Niederkorn by June 14th. The \$66.00 price of the musical is based on a group of 20 people. There is an optional dinner in Mentor afterwards.
- August 29, 2024 – Goodtime III and Lakeview Cemetery. Send the reservation form and check to Kathy Kling by August 10th.
- October 10-20, 2024 – Hawaiian Cruise. There is room for 6 more people. The final payment is due by June 14th.
- December 3-4, 2024 – Christmas at Tara Mansion. The price is \$364.00 for double and \$394.00 for single. Send the reservation form and check to Sarah Reinhard.
- The committee is working on trips to the Finger Lakes and the Canadian Rockies.

LEGISLATURE: Tom Moscovic reported the following:

- ORTA sends information out to make STRS look bad. There is nothing wrong with STRS. The audits have been good, and it must be sustainable.
- HR Bill #82 – The recent hearing focused on the need for Social Security reform rather than solely repealing the WEP and GPO. The penalties imposed by the WEP and GPO must be recognized as unjustly withholding earned benefits.
- DeWine is pushing to adopt a method of reading called “The Science of Reading” which teaches students to break words down into their phonemes rather than whole language which gives strategies to decipher unfamiliar words through pictures or context of the known words.
- SB #168 – This will lower requirements to become a teacher, will allow anyone with a H.S. diploma to substitute, and may require teachers to do supplemental programs outside of the normal day without pay.
- Tom also requested input from the board on the September Legislative Luncheon. It was determined that speakers should be limited to Commissioners and State Representatives and speeches limited to 3 minutes.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Sawitke stated that Pat Gurley is now a member. There are now 151 members. To try to increase membership, members who know of a person that is retiring should let Karen know so she can send out information through the mail or an email. Retirees can also be directed to the website for information.

TEACHER GRANTS: Karen announced the recipients of the 3 grants: Nancy Plisko from Perry Middle School, Cindy Banjoff from Perry Elementary School, and both Ann Rayner and Jennifer Keener from Perry Middle School.

SCHOLARSHIP: Tim Niederkorn announced the 3 recipients that were each selected to receive \$1000.00. They are: Molly Delaney from Eastlake North, Sarah Heffernan from Perry, and Callie Thompson from Perry. The recipients are invited to speak at the June meeting and checks will be mailed to them once a copy of the fall schedule is received.

Tim also mentioned that a Dine-to-Donate will be held at Alfredo’s at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Village. It is scheduled for May 15, 2024 from 11:00 – 10:00 and will net 15%. Flyers are available on the website.

VIRGINIA MLAKAR ENRICHMENT FUND: Ginny Keller reported that Noreen Stout from Willoughby-Eastlake used the money to pay for a wheelchair accessible bus for a field trip.

SUNSHINE/RFEMEMBRANCE: Ginny sent two cards to Cathy Szuter on her surgery, and Thinking of You cards to Marion Lipinski and Jane Pastor.

HISTORIAN: Marion Lipinski reported that the scrapbook is up to date and appreciates pictures from events sent.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sherry Niederkorn will announce the scholarship winners, post information on the next luncheon, and invite newly retired teachers to attend. The Review and The Tribune have been very good about printing articles.

WEBSITE: Sherry announced that the Teacher Grant winners will be added and then the website will be up to date.

YEARBOOK: Bonnie Lillibridge and Char Langer reported that a total of 170 yearbooks were printed at Xpress Printing, Inc. To date, 137 yearbooks have been distributed (50 at the luncheon and 87 mailed). The cost to print was \$385.00, for Art/Composition was \$206.25, for envelopes was \$68.75 and for stamps was \$177.00 for a total of \$837.00. Some stamps and envelopes remain on hand for next year and 33 yearbooks remain on hand.

OLD BUSINESS: Need for a Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and President Elect starting in 2025 and Information/Protective Services person now.

NEW BUSINESS: Marion Lipinski and Sue McCarter will serve on the nominating committee. There is a need for one person from the general membership.

Newsletter articles are due on May 10th. Next General Meeting: June 11, 2024

Debbie Deal – Recording Secretary