

GCRTA a Chapter of ORTA
Grand River Cellars Winery
October 4,2022

President Patrick Cataldo welcomed everyone to Grand River Cellars Winery. He recognized the candidates running for the State School Board: John Hagan, Robert Fulton, Tim Miller, and Tom Jackson. Pat also recognized our special guests and five new members.

There were cards placed on the tables for any questions members wanted to ask the candidates during the program.

Pat gave the invocation. A delicious lunch of chicken, potatoes, vegetables, and salad was served.

After the lunch, Cheryl Sekura introduced the candidates John Hagan (incumbent) and Robert Fulton for the 9th district. Tim Miller and Tom Jackson for the 10th district. Cheryl gave us a brief review of the State Board of Education. There are 19 members, 11 are elected and 8 are appointed by the governor. The board focuses on developing educational policy for the Department of Education. It also establishes priorities that will assure high education expectations for all Ohio students pre-k through post-secondary system.

Cheryl then introduced Madeline Horvath, a member of GCRTA. She is very well informed on current educational issues. She gave us insight on several current issues including the Fair School Funding Act which will be voted on in June.

The candidates were given 5 minutes each to explain their views on several issues, followed by a question-and-answer period.

Jean thanked the candidates for coming.

Pat announced that the board will stay the same for next year.

There were a couple members that knew of someone to help set up our web page. Please contact Pat with the information.

Carol Kinsey congratulated Pat on the marvelous job he did representing our chapter. She also congratulated us on our membership, with a lot of credit going to Jean Paine.

Debbie Gallagher distributed the minutes to be read by the members.

President Patrick Cataldo made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Dan MacDonald seconded the motion, which passed.

There was no new treasurer's report for August and September given.

Membership- Jean Paine: Thanked the members for bringing special guests. She gave a warm welcome to our seven new members.

Program- Cheryl: Our Christmas brunch will be at St. Mary in Chardon on December 6th. We are very fortunate to have Wade Stein from the STRS board as our guest speaker. Cheryl thanked Dan MacDonald for making that happen!

Pat asked for a round of applause for Jean and Cheryl for all the hard work that they do for the chapter.

Debbie Gallagher won the free lunch drawing.

Doreen Jones won \$80.50 in the 50/50 raffle.

There were also 3 drawings for gift certificates in the Grand River gift shop.

Pat thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Gallagher
Recording Secretary

