

GCRTA a Chapter of ORTA
Executive Board Meeting
August 16, 2022
Geauga County Public Library Administration Building

President Patrick Cataldo called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Members in attendance were **Cheryl Sekura, , Carane Ladd, Gigi Vartola, Marlene Napalo, Patrick Cataldo, Jean Paine, Dan MacDonald , Wally Waldbauer, and Debbie Gallagher.**

He thanked **Jean Paine and Cheryl Sekura** for a very successful potluck luncheon and **Cheryl** for calling the new members. **Carane Ladd** thanked **Pat Cataldo** and his wife for supplying the pulled pork for the luncheon.

Debbie Gallagher distributed the minutes of the August luncheon. Wally Waldbauer motioned to accept the minutes as read. Dan MacDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Patrick Cataldo read **Judy Miller's** treasurer's report.

June:

Checking Account

Beginning balance	\$2,594.46
Deposits	935.00
Expenses	862.00
Statement fee	5.00
Ending Balance	\$2,662.20

Grant-In-Aid

Beginning Balance	\$7,397.78
Deposits	.18 interest
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$7,397.96

Educator Grant

Beginning Balance	\$1,262.51
Deposits	35.03 ORTA check +interest
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$1,297.54

Investment Account**\$11,257.66** (estimate)**July:****Checking Account**

Beginning balance	\$2,662.20
Deposits	30.00
Expenses	69.09
Statement fee	5.00
Ending Balance	\$2618.11

Grant-In-Aid

Beginning Balance	\$7,397.96
Deposits	0
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$7,397.96

Educator Grant

Beginning Balance	\$1297.54
Deposits	0
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$1,297.54

Investment Account**\$11,289.40** (as of 8/1/22)

Debbie Gallagher motioned to accept the Treasure's report. Dan MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Programs- Jean Paine/Cheryl Sekura: October 4th luncheon will be held at Grand River Cellars Winery. They have invited the candidates running for the Ohio School Board seats for District 9 and 10.

Our Dec. 6th Christmas Brunch will be held at St. Mary's this year.

Several venues were suggested for further luncheons.

Membership- Jean Paine: We are delighted to welcome these new members to GCRTA! We look forward to seeing them at future events.

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Vicki Mitchell: Our new GCRTA lifetime member!

Hospitality- Gigi Vartola: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Zita Knific following her death in July.

Please notify Gigi Vartola at 440-479-7574 or vartola10@windstream.net if a member needs our support with a card.

Fair- Wally Waldbauer: There is still one slot to fill for Saturday night's 8-10 shift. Anna Lee Bryan has agreed to do the booth on the history of the schools one last time.

Wally would like help displaying the artwork on Friday, September 26th.

Sages will be donating 1000 apples. Cheryl will need help unloading apples on the Tuesday before the fair and Friday of the fair at 9:00.

Grant-in-Aid- Marlene Napalo: It was decided to give grants of \$1000.00 to each of the two applicants.

Many of the retired groups are leaning more towards Educator grants instead of grant-in-ad scholarship grants to education majors because those recipients do not always stay in education. **Dan MacDonald**

suggested that we do a follow-up by visiting them at their schools for support. This is done in the Greater Cleveland area.

Public Relations- Carane Ladd: Pat complimented Carane on the articles that were placed in the papers. Cheryl suggested that we get a photographer from the Maple Leaf for the October meeting with the candidates. Carane will contact the paper.

STRS Liasion- Dan MacDonald: ORTA will host a celebration on October 12 at 4:00 in Columbus. They are celebrating their 75th birthday. STRS will be voting on their bonuses on Thursday, August 18th. On September 15th, we need to show up cheering in a new culture for STRS. Cheryl will send us a link.

Old Business: The website was discussed. Pat will continue to investigate this.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Gallagher
Recording Secretary