

GCRTA a Chapter of ORTA
Executive Board Meeting
December 13, 2022
Geauga County Public Library Administration Building

President Patrick Cataldo called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were **Cheryl Sekura, Carane Ladd, Patrick Cataldo, Jean Paine, Kay Zurbuch, Dan McDonald, Marlene Napalo and Debbie Gallagher.**

President Patrick Cataldo thanked **Cheryl Sekura and Jean Paine** for putting together the wonderful December brunch.

Patrick Cataldo suggested Punderson Manor and EOUV Club for future luncheons.

The dates for this year's board meetings are February 14, April 25, June 13, August 8, October 10, and December 12.

Debbie Gallagher distributed the minutes of the December Brunch. **Dan McDonald** motioned to accept the amended minutes. **Caranne Ladd** seconded the motion, which passed.

Treasurer's. Report: Refer to minutes from December Brunch.

Programs: Cheryl Sekura and Jean Paine- Our next luncheon will be held at St. Mary's on February 7th with a lighter lunch. The speaker will be **Meg Pauken, Elder Law Attorney.**

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Legislation: Cheryl Sekura- Emails were sent out to members with information on the bills in the State Legislature.

Dan McDonald reported that the Senate Bill 1, to transfer power from the State Board of Education to the State Legislature, does not have enough votes now to get out of committee. **Cheryl Sekura** explained that the bill

would take away the most important powers of the board regarding curriculum, etc.

Membership: Jean Paine- We have some great news! We have two new members from Newbury Schools. **David (Dave) Schwan.** Dave is an ice hockey player! Welcome **Dave!** We also have **Cliff Evans** from Newbury Schools. We are delighted to have you.

In addition, we have two new GCRTA LIFETIME members! **Vicki Mitchell**, who taught Japanese at Kirtland High School. We also have **Joy St.**

James, who taught Cultural Anthropology at Kent State University, Main Campus! Thank you for your strong support of our organization!

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Hospitality: Cheryl Sekura suggested having more members on the hospitality committee so that there could be outreach to family members when one of our members dies, such as attending the funeral or providing food or providing follow-up support.

Historian: Kay Zurbuch- Kay took several pictures at the brunch that she will send to **Cindy Spikell** for the News You Can Use. **Patrick Cataldo** has taken several photos that he hopes to display in the Education Building at the fair.

Educational Grant: We would like to have someone volunteer to help **Judy Miller** get the information out to the schools.

Public Relations: Caranne Ladd- The papers are being very cooperative.

Old Business: We need get middle core members involved in helping **Wally Waldbauer** set up the displays in the Education building at the fair. **Caranne Ladd** suggested putting it in the News You Can Use and using some of our Art teachers to form a committee for this.

Marlene Napalo reminded the board members that a description of their job needs to be written up and given to **Pat Cataldo**. The deadline will be in April or May.

New Business: President Pat Cataldo is trying to come up with ways to get members to participate in programs that ask for volunteers. We had good participation for the Rascal Readers program. There was no response for the math tutor at Metzenbaum. It was suggested that this be put in the News You Can Use.

The Next Step program, located where the County Home use to be, needs volunteers to help with supervising young adults. This would mainly be signing them in or out. **President Pat Cataldo** will get more information on this.

Cheryl Sekura suggested that the historian pick a year from the past and have it featured at one of our luncheons. Members would be informed in advance. As of now the files are in **Jean Paine's** basement.

Hopefully, the News You Can Use will be put on our website. We have not heard from **Steve Dohm** since before Thanksgiving. **President Pat Cataldo** will contact him.

The Senior Center still needs volunteers to help deliver meals Christmas morning.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Gallagher
Recording Secretary