

**GCRTA a Chapter of ORTA**  
**Chardon St. Mary's Banquet Room**  
**Luncheon**  
**February 7, 2023**

**President Pat Cataldo** called the meeting to order with everyone standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the guests.

The minutes and treasurer's report were placed on the tables for members to read. **Bill Wieland** motioned to accept the minutes and treasurer's report. **Kathy Allan** seconded the motion, which passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

December 2022

**Checking Account**

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$1,427.03</b>
Deposits	3,409.00
Expenses	2,013.56
Statement fee	5.00
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$2817.47</b>

**Grant-in-Aid**

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$5501.12</b>
Deposits	79.00 (\$1.00 donations transferred on 1-28-23)
Interest	.14 (4 <sup>th</sup> quarter)
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$5580.26</b>

**Educator Grant**

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$505.57</b>
Deposits	115.00 (50-50)
Interest	.03 (4 <sup>th</sup> quarter)
<b>Ending balance.</b>	<b>\$620.60</b>

**Investment account**

January 2023:

**Checking Account**

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$2817.47</b>
Deposits	605.00
Expenses	1593.69
Statement fee	5.00
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$1823.78</b>

**Grant-in-Aid**

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$5580.26</b>
Deposits	0
Expenses	0

<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$5580.26</b>
<b><u>Educator Grant</u></b>	
Beginning balance	<b>\$620.60</b>
Deposits	0
Expenses	0
<b>Ending balance.</b>	<b>\$620.60</b>
<b><u>Investment account</u></b>	<b>\$11,359.23</b>

**Membership- Jean Paine:** Jean introduced our newest members. **Karen L. Miller** from West Geauga Schools, **Holly Norton** from Kettering Schools, **Tami McGrattan** from Evansville, Wisconsin Schools, **Mary Argo** from South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools, and **Patricia (Pat) Brockway** from Kenston Schools.

Jean then thanked our own members who encouraged others to join us. **Lisa Ciocia**, jwho brought a guest and new member, **Mary Argo**. **Tami McGratten** who brought her husband. **Jerry**, a prospective member. **Gloria Brach, Rita Pressman, and Judy Miller** all encouraged **Pat Brockway** to join GCRTA. We look forward to seeing these new members at future luncheons.

**Programs- Cheryl Sekura** announced the next luncheon will be held April. 4<sup>th</sup> at Fowlers Mill Golf Course, 13095 Rockhaven Rd. Chesterland.

**Legislation- Cheryl Sekura:** There will be several Senate Bills in hearing this afternoon (Feb.7) at 3:00

Senate Bill 1--revise the Education laws

Senate Bill 11 --- Education Freedom Act

Senate Bill 14 --- Expanding the veteran eligibility to teach

Senate Bill 17 ---Teaching of Capitalism to high school financial students.

If you would like to watch the hearing, go to Ohio Channel.org

STRS will have an election in May for the active seat. The incumbent is Arthur Lard. We need to encourage active members to sign a petition for Pat Davidson, the endorsed change candidate. See **Cheryl** for a petition that can be returned to her or **Robin Rayfield**.

There will be a Zoom meeting with the board and **Steve Dohm** to discuss the new web site. It should be up and running by the middle of this month. The old site will be taken down.

**President Pat Cataldo** thanked **Cheryl Sekura and Jean Paine** for the marvelous job that they do. He also thanked the treasurer and secretary, **Judy Miller and Debbie Gallagher** for all the work that they do.

Our Historian, **Kay Zurbuch**, did a wonderful job getting photos of the Christmas Brunch to **Cindy Spikell** for the News You Can Use. **President Pat Cataldo** thanked **Cindy** for putting together the News You Can Use.

**President Pat Cataldo** encouraged our members to get more involved with the Executive Board.

We will need new officers in the next two years. Anyone interested can shadow a member of the board to learn what their job entails.

**President Pat Cataldo** gave the invocation. Soup, salad and sandwiches were served.

**President Pat Cataldo** introduced our guest speaker, **Meg Pauken, Elder Law Attorney.** Jean Paine thanked **Meg Pauken** for a very informative presentation.

**Mary Melkerson** won the 50/50. **Carol Modic** won the free lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Gallagher  
Recording Secretary