

GCRTA a Chapter of ORTA
St. Mary Banquet Center
December 6, 2022

President Patrick Cataldo called the business meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then introduced the Lake County Retired Teacher guests: **Past President Ginny Keller** and **Legislative Chair Tom Moscovic**. **President Patrick Cataldo** introduced additional guests **Marion Cavanaugh** (wife of our new member **Mark Rotar**), **Cliff Evans**, **Lenore Liken** and **Dick Wright**.

The spouse guests were **Dorothy Fenstermaker**, **Jack Wiggins**, **Jack Hanson**, **Dave Brockway**, and **Eileen Cataldo**.

President Patrick Cataldo's son, **Bryan Cataldo**, played Christmas music for our enjoyment.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were placed on the tables for members to read.

October:

<u>Checking Account ...1504</u>	
Beginning balance	2,132.34
Deposits	1,978.50
Expenses	2,401.64
Statement fee	5.00
Ending Balance	\$1,704.20
<u>Grant-In-Aid...2847</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$5,398.12
Deposits	103.00
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$5,501.12
<u>Educator Grant...7183</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$1,358.07
Deposits	147.50
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$1,505.57
<u>Investment Account</u>	?

November:

<u>Checking Account...1504</u>	
Beginning balance	\$1,704.20

Deposits	1,000.00
Expenses	1,272.17
Statement fee	5.00
Ending Balance	\$1,427.03
<u>Grant-In-Aid...2847</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$5,501.12
Deposits	0
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$5, 501.12
<u>Educator Grant...7183</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$1,505.57
Deposits	0
Expenses	1,000.00 Ed. Grants
Ending Balance	\$505.57
<u>Investment Account</u>	\$11,349.91 as. Of 11/30/22

Mark Rotar motioned to accept both the minutes and treasurer's report as read.
Bill Wieland seconded the motion which passed.

Programs: Cheryl Sekura- Our next luncheon will be on February 7, 2023.
Details to follow.

Membership: Jean Paine- She introduced our latest new member **Dave Schwan** from Newbury Schools. **Vicki Mitchell** has become a lifetime member.
The 2023 dues should be in by December 31.

New Business: Dues will be raised from \$12.00 to \$15.00.

Steve Dohm, a senior in high school and owns his own company ST Tech, will have our new website up and running by the end of December!!

The Geauga County Public Library would like to start up their Rascal Reading Program again. They need volunteers to go into the Geauga County Kindergarten classrooms and read to the children.

The Metzenbaum Center needs a tutor for after school in reading and math.

If you are interested in either of these programs, please sign up on the clipboards found on the Welcome Table.

The recipients of this year's Education Grant are **Allissa Bodner**, K-4 Music for Cardinal Local Schools. She will use her grant to fund the purchase of additional drums for elementary music to incorporate drumming patterns into daily procedures. **Greg Cicero**, 5th grade Science for Cardinal Local Schools will use his grant to purchase multiple aquariums to help students understand the life cycles of ecosystems. They will be changed to show food chains, decomposition, weathering, and erosion. **Sarah Malloy**, Second Grade at Timmons Elementary for Kenston Local Schools. She will use her funds to purchase bulletin board materials to support Timmons Elementary Schools' HERO program and the district's PEAK program. **Josh Leikala**, 10-12 Advanced Placement Psychology for Chardon High School. He will use his grant to demonstrate sensation/perception in his A.P. Psychology class. His students will "build brains" to assist them in understanding how visual perception works.

President Patrick Cataldo read a Christmas/Thankyou card from Matt Liedem. **President Patrick Cataldo** gave a non-denominational invocation. A delicious brunch was served.

Kathy Doyle's entertaining program was on Toys of Yesteryear. After the program, **Jean Paine** presented **Kathy** with a gift card for doing the program.

Eileen Cataldo won the free February lunch.
Doreen Jones won the 50/50 raffle

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Gallagher
Recording Secretary