

**Monthly Minutes**

**APR 2024**

**Next General Meeting**

Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Painesville United Methodist Church

71 N Park Pl

Painesville 44077

**Next Board Meeting**

Thursday, June 6, 2024

1239 High Street

Fairport Harbor

Hostesses: Heidi Landgraf , Ali Wilson

President’s message: April 2024

I am consistently proud and amazed to be a part of the ladies of WRJSL. We had a Ways and Means Committee meeting last week and Mary Jo Miller zoomed in as she and her family were walking her husband up to his hospital room. This week April 1 st we had a zoom meeting and our sustainer Bev Lee said “I can do that for you, let me take that off of your plate”. Our first year active Juliana Petti, chair of the Night at the Races, said “wow our sustainers are the OG’s, I will always be there for you sustainers.” OG’s mean Original Gangsters (thank you Ali Wilson)…we say thank you to our OG’s, and we decided that they are the “Original Gals”, the sustainers rock.

I go right back to our mission statement and the last 14 words. We “share accomplishments, cherish friendships and proudly hold high standards in all that we do.” We continue to learn from our sustainers. We value your knowledge and more than appreciate your support and I give sincere thanks to all that they have done and continue to do for the current actives, the incoming new Active class of 2024 and the newest Provisional class of Fall of 2024-2025.

Presidents Report:

Thank you for a great general meeting and the performer from Women in History Ruth Bader Ginsberg. We had 25 folks present and 1 on the zoom.

Our 2024-2025 insurance is due for renewal. We have 2 quotes. Here is the second quote for the insurance. The

Liquor rider within this quote is $200. This quote is $1483 without a terrorism clause for $100 that needs to be

selected/or checked that we don’t want it.

Without liquor it should drop to $1283. And would not include the terrorism clause.  Westbend quote is $1222.

 $61 savings on Westbend.

This month we were able to restart the MailChimp. Juliana Petti has been sending out weekly email blasts to our followers to drum up more guests for the NATR and the Italy Raffle tickets.

Transferring service league members from the CLE Service League to the WRJSL league without doing the provisional year. Based on conversation the transfer would still do a provisional year to learn all about our organization.

Move to committee reports:

.**LEADERSHIP LAKE COUNTY –** *Ali Wilson*

Our Signature Program day for March was “Government Day.” We started at Lake County Job & Family Services where we found about all the services they provide for our community. We also met with Commission Plecnik and Lake County Administrator, Jason Boyd.

We went to the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood and got a tour of the Broadmoor school. Deepwood is a truly amazing organization and all the services they provide are free of charge for the families they serve, which is truly remarkable.

We ended the afternoon in Western Lake County and met with the Mayor of Willoughby, Willowick and Willoughby Hills. The mayors have a coalition of the 6 west side cities that all come together to help and support each other’s communities. We also heard from our very own Amy Sabath and Kevin Malecek about “How to Run for Office.”

My group's Community Impact Project came to an end where we helped launch the Painesville Arts & Culture Council (PACC). We helped establish the logo via a logo contest, and helped establish an initial 12 member board. The board will have their first meeting this month and we are excited to see what great things the PACC will bring to our community.

# RECORDING SECRETARY: *Pam Fraser*

If you would like to add to the new volunteer opportunity and or event section or have additional opportunities in between minutes you can submit an email with the information to the President for committee approval and then I will send out to the membership. I will list you on the “From” line as the point of contact. When responding to one of these events please reach out directly to the point of contact listed in the email, to coordinate your volunteer service or donation. Thank you!

# CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: *Debbie Kennedy*

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Card was sent to Sue Ellis feel better soon  
  
Our WRJSL Scholarship is on line at LEAF-Ohio.org. We will put it on websites to encourage applicants.

**ADMISSIONS:** *Diana Kokal & Karrie Shannon*

Admission committee continues to plan for the open house on April 10th at Lake Erie College social parlor.  We have 13 potential members that have RSVP yes to the event.

**COMMUNITY RESEARCH:**  *Rita Combs & Rita Antalovich*

Community Research is getting ready for the April 18th General Meeting.   
9 of the 12 have RSVP.  
Paula has done the checks for the spring cycle.

**TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Paula Gordos / Ali Wilson*

Please see attached treasurer report.

The Financial committee report reviewed, discussed, voted and unanimously agreed to at the Board Meeting on 4/4/24 and is also attached.

Membership renewal for 2024-2025 is due by June 1st. Dues can be paid the attached using membership renewal form or through the web site.

**HISTORIAN -** *Carrie Lane*

I will be taking the gala records except for the first three years from the to the Western Reserve Historical Society the first week of May.

If anyone has an extra pink book from before 2019 please let me know.  You can either mail it to me or call me and I will pick it up.  These books keep historical account of membership, member activity and events.

If any of the committees want me to take historical information they must have it to me by the end of this month.  To help future historians please bring your materials to me using the following format:

* A list of the items that are being sent to the archives
* Organized either alphabetically or by date (depending on the materials).  Remember to keep one-of-a-kind items.
* Use only file folders - ABSOLUTELY NO BINDERS OR RUBBERBANDS (as rubber bands degrade and everything will come apart in the boxes.

**MEETING MANAGEMENT:**  *Cheryl Kuonen & Jennie Best*

April General Meeting is at Painsville United Methodist Church , 71 N Park Pl, Painsville

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**Nominating Committe:** *Maureen Dolan & Vickie McDonald*

The Nominating Committee held its “Nominating Night” on April 2nd.  The election slates have been emailed out to the membership on April 4th.  Elections will take place at the next General Meeting, on April 18th.  All voting members are encouraged to attend/participate; electronic voting will be available for attendees via Zoom.  Thank you to all of the candidates who have volunteered to serve in the 2024-25 WRJSL elected positions.

**OFFICE:** *Vicki LeVan & Rachelle Sundberg*

The Zoom account has been renewed for the year.

**April 18th Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726473695?pwd=bWdWNDRHVnkveXBScGpub1BleWJEUT09>

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**PLACEMENT:** *Debbie Kennedy & Desiree Wilcox*

We will meet with the provisionals on Saturday to find out their committee preferences for next year.

**POLICY & BY-LAWS:**  *Vickie McDonald & Susan Fatica*

We will be meeting via Zoom on April 8 to discuss possible changes to our current Policy and Bylaws. Any changes will be voted on by the General Membership.

**PROVISIONALS***: Janet McGee**& Molly Bammerlin*

Janet , Molly and Deb Kennedy will be meeting with the Provisional class for the Spring Placement Review.  
  
The Provisional Class is hosting an Alcohol Inks Painting Fundraiser on April 25th as a part 2 of their service project benefitting Sub Zero Mission. Please contact one of the Provisional class members if you’d like to purchase a ticket and/or donate to their project.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/Web/Social Media:** *Cara Mia Duncan, Juliana Petti, and Becky Tuma ( website)*

Thank you to everyone who got their headshots taken at the Christmas brunch. Juliana sent out the headshots to each person via a Google drive link to pick their favorite. Just email Juliana the headshot you like. If you didn't receive an email, just contact Juliana.

**WAYS & MEANS:**  *Heidi Landgraf & Carrie Lane*

We are excited to announce the launch of our online Night at the Races Raffle! This is your chance to win some fabulous prizes from the comfort of your own home (as you do not need to be present to win).To participate, simply purchase tickets through our online platform at <https://wrjsl.rallyup.com/1612bb/Campaign/Details>

Attached is a raffle graphic with a QR Code to scan if you prefer.

The raffle is open now until Saturday, April 13th at 9:30pm.

 The process is quick, easy, and secure. With a variety of exciting prizes up for grabs, including aSpa Manicure and Pedicure at Bella Dona Salon and Spa,   a Jameson Irish whiskey aged 18 years along with peach infused ice cubes and dried orange slices in a Jameson crate, Guardians tickets, and so much more, there's something for everyone to get excited about!

Your support through ticket purchases directly contributes to WRJSL's Community Grants to local nonprofits in Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula Counties. It's a win-win situation! Get your tickets today!

**ENDOWMENT:** *Michelle Haag & Maureen Dolan*

The Heritage Endowment fund was discussed by the Ways and Means committee.  It was recommended that as  fundraiser opportunities present themselves randomly; each fundraiser should be reviewed and voted on by the Committee individually.

One of these is going on now. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets for our "Hello Italy!" Opportunity.  Over 200 tickets have been entered in our bi-weekly drawings with two more to be awarded (April 18 and May 2) and our Grand Prize (and 2nd and 3rd prize) on May 16.

Proceeds from the yearly major event will be earmarked for Community Development and be "stored" as part of the Endowment funds at Cleveland Foundation in order to earn the interest.

Currently that fund has a total of  $147,799.23 including the 3 donations in March.

You can still contribute to our 61$ for 61 years or encourage contributions and in memoriams to the WRJSL fund by going to the Cleveland Foundation's website ([clevelandfoundation.org](http://clevelandfoundation.org/)) and pulling down Give Now from the top right to Search Funds and typing in Western in the search box and returning.

## EASTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER: *Maureen Dolan*

No report at this time.

## MENTOR AREA CHAMBER: *Carrie Lane Sue Fatica Jennie Best*

I attended Mentor Chamber 101 at The Spot restaurant on April 3. It was a good intro to what the chamber does and a chance to meet many members. Many more events are planned over the next few months and we take turns attending.

Thanks

Sue

**SUSTAINER TRUSTEES***: Pam Martin, Mary jo Miller, & Chris Price*

Night At the Races

We are sure there will be super Sustainer support of this fundraisers on April 13. There is still time to

support this fundraiser if you are unable to attend! Contact Juliana Petti at 440-813-4378.

Spring Fling

Sustainers and Transitionals, be sure to send in your RSVP for this fun event. We hope to see you all on April 27 at the Grand River Cellars. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm.

Please see the attached flyer!

May Dinner

We met with the manager and chef at Mentor Harbor Yacht Club to begin planning the May Dinner. We

are sure it will be a lovely event on May 16 and look forward to seeing you all there! Invitations will be

sent soon.

Spring Survey - IMPORTANT

The Sustainer Spring Survey will be sent soon! Watch for and respond to this important survey by April

17. One of the proposed changes to be discussed and voted on at the April General Meeting is moving

to just one fundraiser a year. While we don’t have a vote, we do have a voice!

Data gathered from the Spring Survey will be shared at the meeting in order to represent the views from