

**Monthly Minutes**

**FEB 2024**

**Next General Meeting**

Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Lake County History Center – The Barn

415 Riverside Dr.  Painesville

**Next Board Meeting**

Thursday, March 7, 2024

7608 Oak Hill Dr. Chesterland

Hostesses: Pam Martin, Chris Price

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE and JAN 2024 BOARD MEETING NOTES**

I would like to focus on the last sentence of our mission statement.

“We value commitment, honor tradition,

Foster personal growth, expect accountability,

Share accomplishments, cherish friendships,

And proudly hold high standards in all we do.”

We strive to be our very best,

And never settle for anything less.

We work hard and play hard too,

And always keep our goals in view.

We know that life is full of ups and downs,

But we face each challenge with a smile, not a frown.

We stand together, through thick and thin,

And always strive to win.

So here’s to us, and all that we do,

To our commitment, our honor, and our friendships too.

May we always hold our heads up high,

And never let our standards slip by.

Please take a moment to reflect on the last portion of the “Dr. Suess like poem or

toast”. I listened to an author who was on with Hoda and Jenna this week. He

said I spend 15 minutes on the weekend writing down the positives from the

week. I would like to relate some of the positives that I learned this week about

the Ladies of WRJSL: I learned that my sustainer advisors are truly there to help.

They offer kind guidance and direction. When something is not right they call or text to help set the course straight. The cherished outreach from our members to other members old and new to our ladies who have lost family members is sincere. Our WRJSL Chairwomen care…I have had several phone calls this past week with chairs who care about their committee and outcomes. They want to

hold their heads high when they deliver messages from our organization, our new Provisionals care they have faced the proverbial Provisional challenge of a class project or two, volunteering and their year-end “surprise presentation” standing together and with a smile. These are just a several of many positive

things I learned this week about the wonderful women of WRJSL. The last sentence of our mission statements truly means a lot to our organization.

President’s Report February 2024

Meeting called to Order: Time: 7:04 Present in person: 18 on Line: 3

2024 has started off with a bang. The “Service from the Heart Gala” was

wonderful. The January meeting at AWT was well attended with 31 members

present online and in person.

Karen McLeod from Extended Housing presented the Not In My Backyard

scenario (NIMBY) and the acronym to NIMBY is COMBAT which represents

overcoming the “negative of impact of NIMBY”.

A quick review of:

Our Priority Action Plan highlights:

Under Organizational Vitality:

Increase Memberships: Several actives, sustainers and transitionals have told

me that they have some interest for the new Provisional class for Fall 2024. With

approximately 10 commitments for the Spring Open House.

Under Community Visibility: Promote awareness and skill development for

members:

Item one: Inviting speakers to general meetings from nonprofits eligible to

receive funding from WRJSL. In January the Meeting Management invited

extended housing Karen McLeod and hosted at AWT in Mentor.

Under community impact item 2 Fundraising and Grants:

Events committee and Endowment committee are working with Ways and

Means:

Night at the Races committee is working to get the spring fundraiser info to all

our agencies that we have funded and corporate sponsors.

Under marketing and communication item 1. Increase Community Presence:

The various committees have continued to do outreach through social media,

web updating, zoom meetings and we are having representation at events. I have

noticed more WR JSL gear being worn. Hoping to get a Spring WRJSL Gear

shop open for 2024.

End of President’s report.

**Committee Reports:**

.**LEADERSHIP LAKE COUNTY**

**Leadership Lake County -** *WRJSL Member Representative Ali Wilson*

In January, our Signature Class joined forces with the High School leadership students for a compelling poverty simulation. This experience allowed participants to understand the challenges of living just above the poverty threshold for a month. It highlighted the critical role of various non-profits within our community, demonstrating their significant impact on supporting local residents. This simulation also emphasized the importance of WRJSL's ongoing efforts to assist local non-profits with our grant funding and community outreach efforts.

Beyond the poverty simulation, our class delved into self-awareness, examining our behavior styles and the discrepancies between self-perception and others' perceptions of us. We explored four primary behavior styles: persuader, stabilizer, controller, and analyzer. I identified as a combination of persuader and stabilizer. More information on this behavioral assessment can be found at Effectiveness Institute: <https://effectivenessinstitute.com/>.

One key takeaway for me is how wonderfully diverse we all are in groups or places like WRJSL. Everyone brings their own special strengths and ways of communicating to the table. This mix of skills and viewpoints is something to celebrate! It shows us how important it is to recognize and make the most of what makes each of us unique. When we come together, all these different talents and strengths aren't just nice to have; they're what keep our group vibrant and effective.

# 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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A card was sent to the family of Heidi Landgraf on the passing of her mother.

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

-Admissions committee is planning the Open House for April 10

-Pam Morse will be checking on a room at Lake Erie College

-Once the room is booked, the committee will meet to discuss food, time, etc.

-Currently we have about 10 people interested in joining and attending the open house. If any

member organization has other individuals interested, please contact Diana Kokal or Karrie

Shannon

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

 Community Research meeting for Feb 6th is canceled so the next meeting is Feb 13th at 6:30 at the Mentor Public Library.

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

The only update is there will be a finance committee mtg on Feb 19

**HISTORIAN -** *Carrie Lane*

Several emails have been sent out with the gala pictures attached as a pdf and a link to the actual pictures.  If you have not received your email, please check your spam or junk box.

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

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** *Maureen Dolan & Vickie McDonald*

No report at this time

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

The Zoom account has been renewed for the year. Here are the links :

**November 16th Meeting:**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86590160623?pwd=Q05mL2hCTk0yY05vMTZES3ZBQ2hwQT09>

**January 18th Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89970378827?pwd=d2RNVU9BcXMxbjEvemNjRlNDeUxkUT09>

**February 15th Meeting:**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82218796788?pwd=ODZZU3k2V3IzNldLNUFWK0lpa1RQZz09>

**March 21st Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89674264184?pwd=SnRFZTF5bllmNHlGckU3RlBuemdPZz09>

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

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

Committee members are currently conducting interviews.  Please let them know your intentions and preferences for next year in WRJSl.

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

Policy and Bylaws will be meeting via Zoom on February 13th. We will focus on  our policies and bylaws since we did a major overhaul of procedures last year.

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

No report at this time.

**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*

This last month has been very busy with the Gala and Gala follow-up.  We will be meeting this month with the Night at the Races Committee which is being chaired by Juliana Petti.

**NIGHT AT THE RACES:**

* **Final Save the Date--**Attached is the final save the date in pdf and png format. Please feel free to post it on your social media or share with anyone you think would be interested.
* **Registration is LIVE**--Becky Tuma so graciously created a registration link on our website. Here is the link to register: [www.wrjsl.org/night-at-the-races-reservations/](http://www.wrjsl.org/night-at-the-races-reservations/)  Please feel free to share with family, friends, colleagues, and more. Janet McGee mentioned that she is going to share this event with her place of employment as a potential "Employee Appreciation." This is a great idea!  The earlier we can get on everyone's radar, the better. Thank you, Becky and Janet!
* **Online Sponsorship Form is LIVE**--Becky Tuma also created the online sponsorship form here:[www.wrjsl.org/night-at-the-races-sponsorships/](http://www.wrjsl.org/night-at-the-races-sponsorships/) Please feel free to share with anyone you think might be interested in sponsoring the event. Thank you, Becky!
* **Paper Sponsorship Form**--Thank you to Sue Fatica and Chris Price for their help in getting this form together! Attached is the final paper sponsorship form, please feel free to share with anyone you think would be interested in sponsoring.

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

The interest earnings in the 3rd quarter of  year 2023 was $9,821.46, contributions (including money transferred from community research) and gifts were $46,442.84. Total earnings with contributions and gifts $56,264.30. The balance after disbursement 3rd quarter ending net assets are $179,073.32. The Cleveland Foundation has not mailed or published end of year 2023.

The funding amount of $18,090.00 +/- is for Community Research Spring 2024 Funding Cycle.

Putting before general membership the “endowment fundraiser” Italian trip and language class. $50 per ticket. Drawings every 2 weeks for smaller winnings. Grand Prize drawing at the May Dinner 2024.

## EASTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER: *Maureen Dolan*

No report at this time.

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

We have been working as a team get the news out.  Sue goes to evening meetings, Jennie went to the Coffee Meeting and gave out information about the Gala and I will be going to the State of the Schools meeting later this month.  Chamber events sure to keep us busy, but with the three of us we are able to get our name out there!

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

Again, a huge THANK YOU to the many Sustainers who supported the 2024 Gala by donating items,

sending Venmos and checks and attending the event. Sustainer support is so important and much

appreciated. Our beloved Sustainers are the best!

SAVE THE DATES:

APRIL 27

Sustainer/Transitional Spring Fling

Grand River Winery at 5:00 pm

Bring your spouse or a friend

MAY 16

WRJSL May Dinner

Mentor Harbor Yacht Club

6:00 pm

Watch for more information and invitations coming soon!