

Teachers' Classroom Project Grant Fund

Lee Dolan, Chair

Many of us have been sort of hibernating and have experienced lonesomeness and hardships during this pandemic and have been praying for it to come to an end. Our committee for the Teachers' Classroom Project Grant has been on hiatus due to the fact that most schools have been meeting virtually, as a hybrid model, or intermittently. We felt that classroom teachers were under great pressure with these necessary arrangements and would not be able to deal with trying to prepare grant proposals. We are very hopeful that our schools will be able to get back to more normalcy in the 2021-22 school year, and we will have enough funds to offer them the opportunity to apply for a grant to enhance their classroom learning.

We were hoping to initiate this program by awarding two \$250 grants. We would love to continue this grant program and even expand it to reach more Stark County teachers and students, but we are working with limited funds. Our only funding comes from Paul Hobe's "Cap Caper", (the sale of Coppertone baseball caps), which provided the seed money, and donations from our members. These donations have dwindled due to our meeting cancellations.

Last year our members donated \$1200 for the Scholarship Fund. It would be fantastic if we could match that amount for our new Grant Project. Our Scholarship Fund is set up in a manner that restricts the use of any of this money for other projects.

You can be part of this exciting endeavor, which will help to encourage creativity and student involvement, by donating to the Grant Project. Checks should be made out to SCRTA and **be sure to note Teacher Grant Fund**. Please mail checks to Connie Bancroft; 1453 Electric Blvd; Alliance, OH 44601.

Thank you so much for your interest in this new endeavor. If you have questions regarding this project, please call Lee Dolan at 330-832-2491.

Top 10 Reasons to Support the Teacher Classroom Grant Fund

1. Provide Stark County classroom teachers an opportunity to create exciting projects for their classrooms.
2. Build the awareness of Stark County Retired Teachers' Association with active teachers.
3. Enhance the academic lives of Stark County students.
4. Maintain identity with the educational community.
5. Further the advancement of public schools.
6. Advance the curriculum goals of Stark County Schools.
7. Provide student-learning opportunities not available from general funds or other groups.
8. Invest in our community.
9. Help SCRTA membership grow by increasing our public awareness to current classroom teachers.
10. Promote Stark County student learning, achievement, creativity, etc.

