

**Leawood Foundation  
Meeting Minutes  
JANUARY 14, 2016**

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016, in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

**Attendees:** Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Renny Arensberg, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Susie Rawlings, and Mayor Peggy Dunn.

**Board members absent:** Brandon Scarborough, Debby Throckmorton, Chuck Udell, Chuck Caisley, Charles Lusk, and Marc Elkins.

**Chairman's Report**

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- Alice introduced new board member, Renny Arensberg. Renny was on the foundation board a number of years ago. Thanks, Renny, for agreeing to serve! Susie will send the foundation's communication pieces to Renny.
- Michelle Sabo has resigned from the board effective immediately. Discussion followed about our difficulty in convening a quorum, which is a majority of board members. Susie Rawlings said the by-laws require a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 25.
- Alice thanked Debby Throckmorton and Susie Rawlings for their work on the annual appeal. We have received more money this year through our efforts. Mike will provide an accounting at our next board meeting.
- Alice stated the City of Olathe would like to review the foundation's bylaws. They're forming a similar organization. We agreed to do so.

**City Update**

- Mayor Dunn stated the State of the City address will be held on January 28 at the Lodge at Ironwoods Park.
- The Mayor discussed the new tax-lid law which currently will go into effect in 2018. The law could reduce the city's flexibility to use appraised value revenue growth.
- Our next AMC "movie night" was discussed. The Mayor said that Mark McDonald, AMC, is also working with another AMC person on this event. She told the board the AMC Foundation is still interested in giving the Leawood Foundation a donation for the all-inclusive play area.

## **Financial Report**

- Mike Best provided the financial report. Our balance as of 1/14/2016 is \$197,210. The contributions of \$50,842 includes \$10,000 from the movie event. The year-end report will come out soon.
- Due to restrictions of funds held at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, it was decided that the Foundation would open a bank account at the Bank of Blue Valley and become a separate 501(c)(3) entity. When the foundation was established, it was set up as its own 501(c)(3). The foundation will then have the ability to pay small bills, take cash and not have to involve the city.

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## **Old Business**

- The by-laws have been approved by the City Council.
- Mike stated we do not have our 501(c)(3) designation because our articles of incorporation have not yet been filed. Alice said Brandon Scarborough has offered to get assistance from his attorney friends.
- Alice told the board a donation of \$100,000 for Leawoof and the all-inclusive playground will be made in the first quarter of 2016. We will provide another bench and shelter, which cost approximately \$20,000. Discussion followed about the play area, which will be built in City Park.
- Alice said we are still waiting for the signage to be installed at Gezer Park. She has discussed with Chris Claxton.

## **New Business**

- Arti Gras will be held on February 26, 27 and 28. Eighty artists have already applied! Take a look at the City's website on the Arti Gras tab (then Gallery). Discussion followed about planning for the gala. Susie suggested she and Mary Ann meet with April to discuss the details. Susie will call April.
- Wine for the gala was discussed. Renny will think about possible donors. Susie said Jim knows the owner of Ranchmart Wine.
- Art in the Park will be the second weekend in June. The foundation receives the profits from the event as well as the Duck Derby. The Derby will be held at Gezer Park, June 18, 2016.
- Renny stated the foundation should continue the brick campaign. She was involved with the original campaign.

## Announcements

- The **2016** board meeting dates are as follows (all meetings begin at 5:30 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall unless otherwise noted).

### Please add these dates to your calendars!

- o **March 10**
- o **April 21**
- o **June 2**
- o **No July meeting**
- o **August 18**
- o **September 15**
- o **October 20**
- o **November 17**
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- **Arti Gras** February 26, 27 and 28. Plan to attend the **Donors' Reception** from 5 – 6 p.m. before the **Arti Gras Gala** (6 – 9 p.m.) on the 26<sup>th</sup>!
- **Art in the Park** June 11 and 12. Stay tuned for details!
- **Duck Derby** – June 18 at Gezer Park

## Action Items:

### Previous items:

- Mike will show the GKCCF's website and donor profile page to the board at the next meeting.
- Mike will open the foundation's checking account at Blue Valley Bank.
- Marc and Mike will handle the filing of the articles of incorporation and the registration fee. Virginia Gross may assist.
- Brandon Scarborough will ask several of his attorney friends if they could assist with our 501(c)(3) process as a service to the Leawood Foundation.

### New items:

- Mike will provide an accounting of the annual appeal at our next board meeting.
- Susie will send the foundation's communication pieces to Renny.
- Susie will set up a meeting with April and Mary Ann to discuss Arti Gras details. Renny will think about possible donors for wine.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

/s/Susie Rawlings  
Susie Rawlings, Secretary