

**Leawood Foundation  
Meeting Minutes  
MARCH 10, 2016**

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2016, in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

**Attendees:** Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Debby Throckmorton, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Charles Lusk, Susie Rawlings, Mayor Peggy Dunn, Scott Lambers and Deb Harper.

**Board members absent:** Brandon Scarborough, Renny Arensberg, Chuck Udell, and Marc Elkins.

**Chairman's Report**

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Alice thanked Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Chuck Udell and Charles Lusk for working at the Arti Gras event. She also thanked Mike Best for handling all the checks and cash after the event.
- April Bishop, Chris Claxton and Marica Putman were fabulous. Thanks so much to Leawood's Parks and Recreation department!
- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2016 board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- The donor event prior to the Arti Gras Gala was successful.

**City Update**

- Mayor Dunn congratulated the foundation on Arti Gras's success. She said there were approximately 600 people in attendance during the evening. The gala is a great community event, and the donor reception is a nice thing to do. It shows our community spirit!
- Mayor Dunn met with Paul Welcome, the Johnson County Appraiser. The average appraised value of a residential home in Leawood increased from \$454,000 to \$472,000. Ninety-three percent of all properties realized an increase. Fifty-seven percent increased just five percent or less. On the commercial side, the increases were greater.
- The city is still involved with the tax lid legislation in Topeka. The current law requires a vote of the people for cities to realize appraised value revenue growth beyond the CPI. The League of Kansas Municipalities is not in favor of this legislation.

## **Financial Report**

- Mike Best provided the financial report. Our balance as of 3/8/2016 is \$297,560. The contributions of \$105,570 includes a \$100,000 donation from Midwest Trust/Jack Wylie. Peggy thanked Alice for her work on this donation.
- Mike passed around the year-end report, noting the 1% administrative fee of \$1,778 to the GKCCF. Stocks and bonds for 2015 were pretty flat, and the foundation realized a loss of \$478.
- The Arti Gras and AMC events brought in approximately \$2-3,000 and \$15 – 18,000 respectively.

## **Old Business**

- The foundation has been reinstated as a non-profit corporation in the state of Kansas. Mike is still working on our 501(c)(3) designation and opening the bank account at Blue Valley Bank. Alice said the process will cost approximately \$600 for legal fees to Spencer Fane. The GKCCF will pay the bill on our behalf. Mike said we're on track hopefully in April.
- Mary Ann Waldenmeyer gave an update on Arti Gras. There were 82 artists, 21 of which were from Leawood. There were 120 pieces of art, and 14 were sold. This is the best year we have had. There were approximately 600 people at the gala on Friday night, and 150 people on the weekend. We do need to decide how the event will grow. We also need greater foundation participation in the event. Discussion followed about whether the price of admission is enough and whether we should have a cash bar. There were issues with having enough wine. Mary Ann will meet with the Parks and Rec department to discuss pros and cons to address for next year. Alice and Susie will attend.

## **New Business**

- Movie night was discussed. Scott Lambers said the Olathe AMC Theatre had an exclusive to show the first-run movie. He said AMC will have someone at the April 11 meeting.
- Alice is working with CBIZ on Directors and Officers liability insurance for the foundation and will keep us posted.
- Alice asked if the board wanted to continue the Non Profit Connect membership for 2016 which will be \$125. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

- The “Play for All” play area was discussed. Scott said there will be a joint meeting with the foundation, City Council, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss. The Play for All Company made a presentation to Peggy and Alice, and the cost for design and construction will be approximately \$500,000. Scott stated the city’s contribution will be approximately \$50,000. Susie expressed concern about the cost and whether an RFP had been distributed. The company said they will help with fundraising. Scott suggested we will need a project manager to represent the foundation’s interests. MC Realty was hired to manage the Justice Center project may be a possibility. Discussion followed about scope and cost.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**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!**

<b>April 21</b>	<b>September 15</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>October 20</b>
<b>No July meeting</b>	<b>November 17</b>
<b>August 18</b>	

- **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.
- Mike will provide an accounting of the annual appeal at our next board meeting.

**New items:**

- Mary Ann will meet with the Parks and Rec department to discuss pros and cons to address for next year. Alice and Susie will attend.

          /s/Susie Rawlings            
 Susie Rawlings, Secretary