

## Leawood Foundation Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2018

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, January 18, in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

**Attendees:** Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Debby Throckmorton, Renny Arensberg, Marc Elkins, Chris Claxton and Deb Harper.

**Board members absent:** Brandon Scarborough, Chuck Udell, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, and Charles Lusk.

### Chairman's Report

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- The November 9, 2017 minutes were approved.
- Alice thanked Debby Throckmorton for writing the year-end letter that was mailed to previous donors. Approximately 100 letters were mailed, and the foundation has received 30 checks to date.
- Alice thanked Deb Harper for handling all the thank you letters and recording the donations. Alice also thanked Mike Best for taking care of the accounting and banking.
- Alice attended the annual Leawood Chamber of Commerce December luncheon.

### City Update

- The State of the City Address will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Church of the Resurrection. Hereford House will be catering, and Reverend Adam Hamilton will give a tour of the facility after the event.
- The I-Lan New Year celebration will be held on February 18 at Ironhorse Golf Course. The new venue is called Vista 154 and holds up to 200 people. The event has sold out in the past, so the change will allow more people to attend. It will be catered by BoLings.
- Chris Claxton discussed the Arti Gras event. 125 pieces have been selected.
- Several projects are in the works including tennis court resurfacing, roads and overlay at Ironwoods.
- Chris has been elected president of the Kansas Recreation and Park Association. Congratulations, Chris!

### Financial Report

- Mike Best discussed the foundation's finances. We currently have a balance of \$175,450 with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and \$517.37 at Bank of Blue Valley. Contributions are \$198,186 and investment income is approximately 15%. The foundation paid \$1,000 for the donor reception at Ironhorse in November.

- We have paid Larry Sowers \$1195 for filing our 501(c)(3) application and Form 990 for 2016. He will also handle the required 2017 forms. The foundation must file with the Secretary of State and provide a tax return each year.
- **Mike** will be setting up our PayPal account this month. GKCCF will still accept checks if necessary. Alice said we will need to update our brochure and letterhead for 2018.

### **Old Business**

- The signage for the play area will happen in the spring. The names are being finalized.
- The Gezer Park donors event will be held in the spring. A rock will be in place with the donors' names attached. A painting of Gezer Park will be presented to Mary Cohen, a major donor. Chris will bring a picture of the painting to the next meeting. A coffee will be held at the park for the Leawood Women's Club.

### **New Business**

- Non Profit Connect membership fee of \$200 is due for 2018. Debby Throckmorton said she has benefited from the organization by attending seminars. A motion was made to pay the fee and revisit the membership for 2019. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The board reviewed and discussed a list of potential future projects for funding. Several projects discussed were tree planting, partnering with Leawood Rotary, and a children's garden at the Nature Center, partnering with the Parks and Rec department.
- The old City Hall on Lee Blvd., outdoor fitness stations and a Community Center were also discussed. **Susie** will send the project list to the board.
- Alice discussed the city's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018. She asked the board to think of ways to celebrate such as a volunteer appreciation event around July 4<sup>th</sup> or highlighting city projects.
- The Arti Gras Gala will be held on Friday, February 16. **Susie** will send a volunteer sign up sheet to the board.
- Chris said there will be new art pieces installed. "Dancers" will be north of City Hall, and "Walking Woman" will be installed by the Justice Center in the spring.
- The city will not be sponsoring the annual Labor Day run as it has run its course after 28 years.
- Stride and Ride will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm at City Park, and the fishing derby will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Leawood Police Department will be involved in both events.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

### **Announcements**

- **There will be no board meeting in February. The next board meeting will be March 1, 2018, at 5:30 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall.**

/s/Susie Rawlings  
Susie Rawlings, Secretary