

## Leawood Foundation Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2018

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30P.M. Thursday, March 1, 2018, in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

**Attendees:** Alice Hawk, Susie Rawlings, Renny Arensberg, James Azeltine and Chris Claxton.

**Board members absent:** Brandon Scarborough, Chuck Udell, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Charles Lusk, Mike Best, Debby Throckmorton, and Marc Elkins,

### Chairman's Report

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- The January 18, 2018 minutes were not approved due to no quorum.
- Alice thanked Brandon and Mike for volunteering for Arti Gras. Mary Ann and Susie attended. Unfortunately, not much art was sold.
- The Lunar New Year event was successful in the new event space at Ironhorse Golf Club.
- A generous donation was received from the Victor and Helen Regnier Fund for \$5,000.
- Alice received a thank you from Non Profit Connect for joining the organization.

### City Update

- Chris Claxton said the Parks and Recreation Program Guide has been mailed.
- An RFP has been sent for a park plan for the 96<sup>th</sup> and Lee Boulevard site. Eleven proposals have been received. There will be a work session on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss.
- Two new art pieces should be installed soon, "Dancers" and "Walking Woman".
- James Azeltine said the Leawood Stage Company auditions have begun. James will be auditioning! Good luck, James!
- James said the Planning Commission approved a hotel on the vacant corner of Park Place. Also, the City Council and the Planning Commission are meeting for a joint work session on the 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 135<sup>th</sup> Street corridor concept.

### Financial Report

- In Mike Best's absence, Alice stated there is \$182,667 at GKCCF as of 2-26-18. There is \$317 at Blue Valley Bank as of 1-31-18. These balances do not reflect the Regnier donation.

### **Old Business**

- Chris gave an update on Arti Gras. It was a fun event, and approximately 300 – 400 people attended. Ninety-three artists exhibited. Their entrance fee was \$30. Unfortunately, not much art was sold. She will share final numbers soon.
- The Gezer Park donors event will be held in the spring. A rock will be in place with the donors' names attached.
- A coffee will be held at the park for the Leawood Women's Club to thank the organization for their donations to our projects over the years. The Women's Club will be dissolving in the spring.

### **New Business**

1. Alice discussed ideas for the city's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Possible ideas are:
  - a volunteer cookout on July 4<sup>th</sup> and offer transportation to the celebration at City Park.
  - Invite former elected people.
2. Project ideas for the foundation were discussed. We'll keep the old city hall project on our radar. Fitness stations, assisting the Fire Department with original fire truck wheel issues and a children's nature garden at Ironwoods were discussed. The garden project will be a year or two away.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

### **Announcements**

- **The next board meeting will be April 5, 2018, at 5:30 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall.**

          /s/Susie Rawlings            
Susie Rawlings, Secretary