

Leawood Foundation Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2018

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, October 23, in the Library Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

Attendees: Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Marc Elkins, and Scott Lambers.

Board members absent: Renny Arensberg, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer and Charles Lusk.

Chairman's Report

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- The June 7, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.
- Alice told the board Chuck Udell, Brandon Scarborough and Debby Throckmorton have resigned from the board.
- Alice showed a picture of the new paw washing station at Leawood, donated by Micah Feingold. Micah has offered to assist with another project.

City Update

- Scott Lambers, City Administrator, updated the board on developments for the park at 96th and Lee. There will be a public meeting on November 12th to discuss the move of the historic city hall. Possibilities include another area of the park, or a location to the west of the new city hall. Planning for the new fire station will be on hold until this decision is made.
- There have been several complaints about the new traffic lights at Lee Boulevard and Mission.
- A new Shake Shack will be built on the site of On The Border.
- The renovation of Ranchmart North is moving forward. The owners will ask for public assistance for the project.
- The purchase of the former Hy-Vee grocery by Barstow School has been completed.

Financial Report

- Mike Best gave the financial report. The current fund balance is \$190,383. Our investment income is \$6,984. Contributions are \$13,525. Most of the disbursements were for the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.
- The foundation also has \$3,178 in the checking account at Blue Valley Bank. We have paid the accountants for preparing our annual report and 990-N tax return. The payment included the set up for our 501(c)(3) status. Ongoing fees will be lower at approximately \$900.

Old Business

- Alice said we can still sell bricks. Mayor Peggy Dunn recently purchased one for her new grandchild.

New Business

- The foundation needs three additional board members, and possibly a fourth. Alice has several people who may be interested. Marc Elkins will contact attorney Dave Franze, who has had success with fundraising. Susie will contact JoLynn Hobbs, who donated the bench for Brooke Beatty Park.
- Alice said the foundation's brochure needs to be updated. It was agreed that an annual donation letter will be sent in early December, and the new brochure will be included. Scott said Marika can help with the graphics if we update the wording. Our past accomplishments should be included. Mike said he would assist.
- Project ideas for the foundation were discussed, including adult workout stations, and partnering on the old city hall move and park.
- Scott suggested the park trails need permanent restrooms along Tomahawk Creed Parkway. Scott will provide cost information. Marc suggested partnering with Leawood Rotary to build the restroom facilities since it's part of their history. Scott said the city may provide 50% of the funding. The restrooms would need to be vandal proof.
- Mike stated that our Articles of Incorporation have been updated, including the terms of the intent of the foundation. He will check to make sure the restroom project complies.
- Membership to the Leawood Chamber of Commerce was discussed, which is \$300. The board voted to not renew the membership.
- Scott said the city's website is being totally revamped and should be completed by November 30. Susie Rawlings will review the foundation's website, and work with Ross Kurtz to update.
- The board discussed the next board meeting and decided it will be in January. Alice will look at possible dates.

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

Announcements

- **NEW:** Prior to each board meeting, we will ask if you plan to attend. Your commitment will let us know if there will be a quorum. Thanks for your cooperation!
- The next board meeting will be in January at 5:30 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall. A specific date will be provided soon.
- Please put the following date on your calendar:
 - December 4 – Social event at the home of Alice and Mel Hawk

Action Items:

- Alice, Marc and Susie will contact possible board members.
- Mike will work with Alice on updating the annual donation letter.
- Mike will review the Articles of Incorporation.
- Susie will review the foundation's website and update.

/s/Susie Rawlings
Susie Rawlings, Secretary