

LEAWOOD FOUNDATION MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2020

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

Attendees: Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Marc Elkins, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Susanne Teel, Ken Selzer, Mayor Peggy Dunn and Chris Claxton.

Board Members and City Members Absent: Renny Arensberg, Michelle DeHaemers, Deb Filla and James Azeltine.

Chairperson's Report:

- Chair Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- Charles Lusk, the foundation's long-term board member, passed away January 9. We send our sympathy to Mary Anne Lusk, Charles wife.
- Alice welcomed Kelly Varner, the city's new City Clerk, who assisted with the thank you letters for year-end donations.
- Alice thanked Susie Rawlings and Debby Throckmorton for their work on the year-end donation letter and brochure. They were sent in December. Susie also worked with Ross Kurz to update the Foundation's website. Susie will update the e-newsletter for distribution in January.
- Alice distributed the By-laws to the board members.

City Update:

- Mayor Peggy Dunn announced the Lunar New Year celebration on January 26. The event will take place at Vista 154 at Ironhorse Golf Club. The State of the City address will be held on Thursday, January 30 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, also at Vista 154.
- Holly York has been hired as the Cultural Arts Supervisor, replacing April Bishop due to her retirement.
- Chris Claxton updated the board on two art pieces, "Women of the World" by Kwan Wu and Rita Blitt's piece, "Inspiration". They should be installed in early spring,
- The new trail behind City Hall will go to Tomahawk Creek Parkway when completed.
- The pond at City Park is being renovated as a result of flooding in 2017. FEMA is assisting with the funding. The fish and a giant turtle have been saved during the rehabilitation!
 - RFQ's for the design of a new park maintenance building and rebuilding of the pool house at the Aquatic Center will be going out next week. Future projects in City Park include replacing the Lions Shelter/restroom, and replacing shelters A and B with one shelter.

Financial Report:

- Mike Best gave the financial report. The 12-31-19 balance was \$232,402. Earnings were \$35,249, approximately a 14% return. Contributions were \$23,306.
- There is approximately \$50 in the foundation's account at Blue Valley Bank. Mike said there should be a balance of approximately \$1,000. Mike will get a check from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF) to deposit at Blue Valley Bank.
- Mike updated the foundation's information on the GKCCF's website and received our "checkmark".

Old Business:

- Leawood Dog Park Agility Course
 - Alice said we have received \$1,000 from State Farm, \$1500 from the Stage Company. Maizie Long sent a nice contribution through the year-end donation letter. A motion was made to purchase the agility course equipment up to \$10,000. It was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - Mike will compile the agility course donations.
- Permanent Restrooms – Tomahawk Trail
 - Chris said she should have final information about the restrooms to create a brochure in two to three weeks. The board will then be able to approach potential donors.
 - The project will take 9 – 10 months, which is a custom build. Since it is a capital project, it can be carried over into the next year, if necessary.
 - The cost of the restrooms is approximately \$220,000. The City will fund \$100,000, and the foundation will fund \$120,000. The foundation will match donations up to \$25,000.
 - Discussion followed about possible donors including McCarthy, Chase Bank Foundation, American Academy of Family Physicians, and Bukaty. Ken Selzer offered to contact several companies.
- 2019 Appeal Letter and Brochure
 - Alice said we received about \$10,000 from our year-end donation letter. It was a great year!!

New Business:

- Alice asked the board to think about possible ways to honor Charles Lusk.
- The city's 75th anniversary will take place in 2023. Ideas are needed from the board.

Announcements:

- Leawood Lunar New Year Dinner, January 26, 2020, at Vista 154.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 3, 2020.

Future Meetings – please update your calendars:

- April 21
- June 9
- August 11
- September 15
- October 20
- December 1

Action Items:

- Mike will talk to bank of Blue Valley about recommendations for a vendor like Venmo.
- Mike will talk to Brad Bergman about possible donations. We may also have some partnering opportunities with Great Plains SPCA.
- Susie will update the e-newsletter for distribution in January.
- Mike will get a check from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF) to deposit at Blue Valley Bank.
- Mike will compile the agility course donations.
- Chris will have final information about the restrooms in two to three weeks.