



# Kansas Republican Assembly

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September 13, 2012

## MEETING AGENDA

*"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."* Ronald W. Reagan

Mark S. Gietzen – President:

7:00 pm: Call to Order:

- a. Opening Prayer
- b. Flag Salute (*Oldest Veteran present leads the Pledge*)
- c. Introduction of all Group Leaders & Public Office Holders and Candidates Present

Debbie Baker – Secretary:

- d. Minutes – (*see reverse side*)

Troy Newman – Treasurer:

- e. Treasurer's Report (*printed on reverse side*)

Mark Gietzen

- f. Explanation of the Sep-Oct meeting topic-swap.
- g. Intro of and brief statement by **Ben Saucedo**, County Commission Candidate, 2<sup>nd</sup> District.
- h. Intro of **Don Landis**; Spokesman for WICHITANS OPPOSED TO FLUORIDATION, and,  
(\_\_\_\_\_ **Possibly an empty chair**) in support of WICHITANS FOR HEALTHY TEETH.
- i. Q & A from any media present, followed by Q & A from the floor.
- j. (*If time permits*) Open Discussion on the concept of '**compulsive medication**', mandated by government at public expense, but against a citizen's will. (*Not limited to the fluoridation issue.*)

Mark Gietzen

- k. Report on the '**Lessons Learned**' with reference to the joint Primary Election Voter Guide effort.
- l. Need for donations to pay for Voter Guide efforts.
- m. **Heartbeat Legislation**, Progress Report.

Debbie Baker

- n. Announcements from any candidate or candidate's volunteer who is present + distribution of candidate signs and/or literature. (*Rick Lindsay Literature in K4L Building – Please consider helping*)
- o. Announcement: **Wichita Pachyderm** most every Friday at noon, 9th Floor, of the Bank of America Building, 100 N. Broadway
- p. Announcement: Next **KRA Meeting**

Adjournment

# KRA Meeting Minutes; July 12, 2012

Debbie Baker, KRA Secretary

President, **Mark Gietzen**, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm sharp. **James Hodges** led us in prayer, and **Vernon Just**, a guest and the oldest veteran in the room, led the flag salute.

Everyone received the minutes from the previous KRA meeting, and a current treasurer's report, both which were printed on the backside of tonight's agenda. **Les Osterman**, KS 97<sup>th</sup> Dist. Rep. made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; **Greg Rose** seconded the motion. **Vern Yoho** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed, and **Les Osterman** seconded that motion. Both motions passed unanimously.

After preliminaries, **Gietzen** directed the judicial forum. Six candidates for judge were present, and each made opening statements about their candidacy. Then, each candidate addressed questions from the audience. The six candidates were **Jama Mitchell**, **David Nelson**, **Charles Steve Osburn**, **Stephen Ternes**, **David Calvert**, and **Hon. Judge William Woolley**. A seventh candidate, **Faith Maughan**, was unable to attend tonight, and was instead represented by her husband and business partner, **Carl Maughan**.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members placed their endorsement votes on the pre-printed ballots. Results are as follows:

## 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Div-2

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Dahl ..... | 58% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Maughn .....         | 42% |

## 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Div-14

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jama Mitchell ..... | 83% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Nelson .....             | 0%  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hon. J. Patrick Walters .....  | 17% |

## 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Div-20

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charles Steve Osburn .....         | 33% |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen J. Ternes ..... | 67% |

## 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Div-23

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Calvert ..... | 58% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hon. William S. Woolley .....  | 42% |

## Sedgwick County Commission-3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councilman Jeff Longwell .....            | 8%  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Karl Peterjohn .. | 92% |

Of interest in Division-2 is the fact that **David Dahl** was present to speak at the May 2012 KRA meeting, whereas KRA members have had no opportunity to meet **Faith Maughan**. Her husband, **Carl**, did an excellent job speaking for **Faith**, and was well received.

In Division-14, **Jama Mitchell**'s responses were passionate and she made points by disclosing her observations that some judges, who are former prosecutors, continue to 'prosecute' from the bench. In addition, Jama noted that some judges are more loyal to their party affiliation than to the Constitution and the rule of law. It is noteworthy that Judge Walters did not attend, yet still received 17% of the vote.

Steve Ternes, in Division-20, had also attended the May 10<sup>th</sup> KRA Judicial Forum and that may have had some bearing on the positive results of the endorsement vote.

In Division-23, **Judge Woolly**'s negative attacks on **Calvert** were not well received by some of the KRA membership. **Calvert**'s smooth and light-hearted response to the attacks may have been what won him this endorsement vote. **Calvert**, who just turned 70, countered the attack on his age with a quote from Ronald Reagan, "*I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience.*" Laughter broke out around the room.

After the judicial forum was concluded, **Karl Peterjohn**, candidate for County Commission-3<sup>rd</sup> District, spoke and addressed questions from the audience. Both candidates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District were invited to speak, and both confirmed, but Jeff Longwell did not attend. This obviously played in Karl's favor, as indicated by the endorsement vote.

The meeting ran long, concluding at about 9:30 pm. Immediately after the meeting, the endorsement numbers were distributed to local media outlets.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: (*Troy Newman*)

|                           |  |                   |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| July 12, 2012             | Ending balance from last Treasurer's Report                      | \$17.61           |
|                           | Donations and dues since last meeting                            | \$1,465.00        |
|                           | Loan to KRA Checking ( <i>Mark S. Gietzen</i> )                  | \$425.00          |
|                           | Total Available Funds this period                                | <b>\$1,907.61</b> |
|                           | Expenditure: <b>Printing Voter's Guides</b> ; Gietzen Publishing | \$1,879.00        |
| <b>September 13, 2012</b> | <b>Ending Balance</b>  | <b>\$28.61</b>    |
|                           | Outstanding bills and liabilities (see loan above)               | \$425.00          |