



Kansas Republican Assembly

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April 11, 2013

MEETING AGENDA

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

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Membership Good Until: **2015-Jan**

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

- d. Minutes – (*see reverse side*)

Debbie Baker – Secretary:

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

Mark Gietzen

- f. Introduction of newly elected School Board member **JOY EAKINS**
- g. Joy Eakins Hopes, Plans and Dreams for USD-259
- h. Questions from any media present
- i. Moderated Q & A from the floor

Mark Gietzen (Old/New Business – Progress Reports)

- j. **Larry Halloran** – Legislative Update going into Wrap-up Session
- k. **James Hedges** – Status Report: Defender of Liberty Awards to Kansas House & Senate.
- l. Read the letter from NFRA Legal Council, Tom Hudson on putting KRA Meeting Treasurer's Report on-line. Discussion and vote on our decision and action. (*Held over from last month's meeting!*)

Announcements:

- m. Announcements: Phyllis Gilmore from DCF (*KS Dept of Children & Families*) will be future speaker, but not in May.
- n. Other announcements from members.
- 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 May 9th**

Adjournment

KRA Meeting Minutes; Mar 14, 2013

Debbie Baker, KRA Secretary

President **Mark Gietzen** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting opened with prayer, led by **Derek Langseth**, and the flag salute led by **Larry Halloran**, the oldest veteran present. After short introductions by everyone present, **Charlotte Foster** made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. **Cindy Coss** seconded the motion, which passed.

Brian Coss moved to accept the treasurer's report, as published. **Debbie Baker** seconded it, and it also passed unanimously.

Four candidates, who are engaged in General Election races for the Wichita City Council, were present. Each candidate introduced himself with a short opening introduction, and then answered a wide variety of questions from the floor. The candidates present were:

1. **Dave Thomas**, running in District-1
2. **Clinton Coen**, who is running for the District-3 position against incumbent James Clendenin (*invited but not present*).
3. **Jeff Blubaugh** who is running against Joshua Blick in District-4. And,
4. For District-6, it was **Marty Mork**, who is competing against the severely corrupt incumbent, Democrat Janet Miller.

Questions included topics such as closing Southeast high School, lowering the city's debt, why Wichita

has both a Mayor and a city manager, neighborhood swimming pools, TIF's and CID's, a passenger rail service from Wichita to Oklahoma City and more.

The candidates agreed on nearly all of the points each one brought up as they answered questions, and it was obvious to all, that should these four candidates win their elections; the Wichita City Council would be dramatically different. Following the forum, **Craig Gabel** made a motion to endorse all four candidates. **Debbie Baker** seconded the motion. This passed unanimously.

Larry Halloran, 912 Group, gave a report on the state legislature and how bills are moving along, or not moving along, in the various committees. Some of the bills he discussed were the Fair Tax, Gun Rights, Education and more. Larry also handed out a very well written letter regarding Common Core, and he encouraged everyone to contact legislators on any or all of the issues that he spoke about.

At 8:30 p.m., after the closing announcements were made, President **Mark Gietzen** recommended that every person present offer at least some financial help or some time to one or more of the newly endorsed candidates after the meeting. **Diana Long** moved that the meeting be adjourned. **Larry Halloran** seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned, however, Gietzen's last minute recommendation was well received, and the majority of those present came forward to offer help to the four candidates present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (*Troy Newman*)

Credits:	Ending balance from March 14, 2013 Treasurer's Report.....	\$63.50
	Ending balance, March 14, (<i>Designated Fluoride fighting funds</i>)....	\$306.82
	Donations and dues.....	\$20.00
	Donations (<i>Fluoride Funds – Separate Account</i>).....	\$50.00
	Total Available Funds this period.....	\$440.32
Expenditures:	Western Imaging Printing Fluoride handouts - Topeka.....	\$45.00
	KRA Lobbyist & Travel Expense - Fluoride Only.....	\$45.00
Ending Balance April 11, 2013 (Non Designated)		\$83.50
Ending Balance April 11, 2013 (Designated for Fluoride-fighting)		\$350.32