



Kansas Republican Assembly

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March 13, 2014

Cathy's Westway Café, at 1215 W Pawnee, Wichita (Social-6:30 pm Meeting-7:00 pm)

MEETING AGENDA

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

Sent to: (Mail-merge List)
E-mail: (e-mail-merge list)
Membership Good Until: n/a

Mark S. Gietzen – President:

7:00 pm: Call to Order:

- a. Opening Prayer
- b. Flag Salute (*Oldest Veteran present leads the Pledge*)

Debbie Baker – Secretary:

- c. Minutes – (see reverse side)

Troy Newman – Treasurer:

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

Mark S. Gietzen

- e. Introduction of the currently announced 4th County Commission District Candidates:
MELODY McCRAY-MILLER and **RICHARD RANZAU**.
 - Opening Statements (5-7 minutes)
 - Questions from any media present
 - Moderated Q & A from the floor

Old/New Business – Progress Reports:

- f. Informal Public Vote on re-naming Mid-Continent Airport: Yea: _____ Nay: _____
- g. Report on HB-2324 Heartbeat Legislation and HB-2372
- h. NFRA 2014 Spring Board Meeting will be at The Pyramids, Indianapolis, IN, in conjunction with the National Rifle Association's annual meeting on Saturday, April 26, 2014.
- i. Kansans for Liberty President, **Craig Gabel**: Legislative Round-up.

Announcements:

- j. Announcements from members
- k. ByLaws – changes and current status (*to be posted on website when ready*).
- l. Dues and donations welcome to help cover costs
- m. Announcement: **Wichita Pachyderm** most every Friday at noon, 9th Floor, of the Bank of America Building, 100 North Broadway
- n. Next **KRA Meeting April 10th**

Adjournment:

KRA Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2014

At 7:00 pm, the opening prayer, led by _____ was followed by the flag salute, led by **Jim Hudson**, the oldest veteran present. **Jim Hudson** included a short, but interesting, WW-II anecdotal account pertaining to the US flag that gave heartrending meaning to what otherwise would have been a routine flag salute.

The January meeting minutes, and the current Treasurer's Report were each approved as printed, both by a unanimous vote of all members present. Including members and guests, a total of 48 people attended the meeting.

William "Bill" Gale III, the newly appointed Regional Director of DCF, (*Department of Children and Families*) gave a talk on the various functions of the Kansas DCF, possible future changes in DCF policy and procedures, and on the general issue of Kansas Children in need of care.

Typical of **Bill Gale's** style, when it came to the question and answer time, he did a lot more listening and note-taking than he did talking.

Among the members present was newly retired **Cindie Bennett**, whose career included many years as an SRS Caseworker, (*SRS is the old name for DCF, Social and Rehabilitative Services*). **Cindie** was able to act as an information resource at the meeting, giving the caseworker

perspective on various scenarios and hypothetical cases that were discussed.

A highly productive moment in the meeting occurred when **James Hodes** recommended that the DCF institute a policy of distributing a survey to the people who encounter the DCF, with questions relating to fair treatment and professionalism on the part of the caseworkers. This suggestion sounds so simple and obvious, yet it has never been done before, at least not in our district.

Many of the questions and comments included emotion-packed and tragic accounts of family separations and problems. **Bill Gale** was able to convince most if not all people present, that he: (1) was willing to listen to the problems of the past that may still be occurring today, (2) cared about the well-being of children and the entire family, and (3) would work to do all within his power and authority to make corrections and policy changes where necessary.

At the end of the meeting, which went over-time to about 8:30 pm (*without a single person leaving early*) **Bill Gale** asked for one year to make corrections, and to study the system and to make improvements. He asked to be able to come back and to finish the discussion one year from now. KRA President **Mark Gietzen** immediately took the opportunity to confirm **Bill Gale** as our speaker for the February 2015 KRA meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (*Troy Newman*)

Credits:	ENDING OVERALL BALANCE from February 13, 2014 Treasurer's Report.....	\$3,482.47
	Ending Balance February 13, 2014 (<i>Non-Designated KRA Funds</i>).....	\$193.50
	Ending Balance February 13, 2014 (<i>Designated for Fluoride-fighting</i>).....	\$2,738.97
	Ending Balance February 13, 2014 (<i>Fluoride CHALLENGE Account</i>).....	\$550.00
	Donations and dues (<i>Non-Designated KRA Funds</i>).....	\$30.00
	Donations (<i>Designated for Fluoride-fighting ONLY New Account</i>).....	\$5,840.00
	Donations (<i>Designated for Fluoride CHALLENGE Account Interest only</i>)....	\$0.03
	TOTAL Overall Available Funds this period.....	\$9,352.50
Expenditures:	Non-Fluoride KRA Expenses (<i>Blank Checks</i>).....	\$72.98
	Fluoride-fighting Expenses:	
	Promotional Advertising in the Topeka Capitol-Journal.....	\$3,564.00
	Witness Travel & Hotel for Fluoride Committee Hearing (Dr. Whyte) 1/2....	\$1,500.00
	Written Science Report (Declan Waugh, Scientist; Fluoride-cancer link)....	\$800.00
	Printing for Fluoride Committee Hearing on HB-2372.....	\$546.12
	Lobbyist expenses to date (<i>hotel + food + gas + tolls.</i>).....	\$464.02
	Credit Card Acceptance Discount Fees.....	\$72.69
	Total Fluoride-fighting Expenses.....	\$6,946.83
	Ending Balance March 13, 2014 (<i>Non Designated KRA Funds</i>).....	\$150.52
	Ending Balance March 13, 2014 (<i>Designated for Fluoride-fighting</i>).....	\$1,632.14
	Ending Balance March 13, 2014 (<i>Fluoride CHALLENGE Account</i>).....	\$550.03
	ENDING OVERALL BALANCE as of March 13, 2014	\$2,332.69

(We have two bills outstanding, the 2nd half of Dr. Whyte's bill + an unknown amount for Michael Connett's Airline ticket and hotel. Currently paid by FAN – No bill yet.)