



Kansas Republican Assembly

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July 10, 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

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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*)

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 State House Candidates with a Primary who are Present:

District-88: **Jim Price** and **Hon. former Rep. Joseph Brian Scapa**

District-91: **Eric Henderson** and **Hon. Rep. Gene Sullentrop**

District-92: **Jeremy Alessi** and **Jason Paul Dean**

District-93: **John Whitmer** and **Hon. Rep. George F. "Joe" Edwards II**

District-96: **Christopher K. Brown** and **Rick Lindsey**

District-97: **Hon. Rep. Leslie G. "Les" Osterman** and **Michael E. Walker**

District-99: **Randy J. Banwart** and **Hon. Rep. Dennis E. Hedke**

- Introductory Statements: (*Time-limit to be determined by how many show up*)
- Moderated Q & A. (*Any media present has first opportunity for questions*)
- Endorsement inputs from meeting attendees.

Old/New Business:

- f. (*Hold until August meeting + All Candidate Endorsements to be posted on July 15th*)

Announcements:

- g. Announcements from members...
- h. Announcement: **Wichita Pachyderm** most every Friday at noon, 9th Floor, of the Bank of America Building, 100 North Broadway
- i. Next regular **KRA Meeting August 14th** + Possible Special Meeting: **Tiahrt / Pompeo**

Adjournment:

KRA Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2014

Mark Gietzen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. **James Kilpatrick** gave the opening prayer and **Jim Hudson**, the oldest veteran present, led the Flag Salute.

The minutes and treasurer's report were discussed, motions made and seconded, and then approved by a voice vote. Of special note regarding the treasurer's report is that only the four top lines, and the four bottom lines, with each associated dollar amounts were approved. **Mark** was unable to update the specifics of income and expenditures shown in the middle of the Treasurer's Report due to computer technical problems. **Mark** stated that the only significant dollar expenditure was wages paid to Lauren Holroyd, a lobbyist who is working on the Fluoride Bill, HB-2372. Specifics of all income and expenditures will be detailed on the next Treasurer's Report, [below] and the current Treasurer's Report will be updated prior to being posted in the KRA website.

Special guests tonight were four Primary Election candidates for Judge. **Linda Kirby** and **Seth Rundle** are running for 18th Judicial District Judge in Division-05; **Michael Hoelscher** and **Diane Sherwood-Cocking**, each hope to be the Republican candidate for Judge in Division-19.

Introductory statements were given by each candidate, followed by questions from the audience. **Ken Ciboski**, WSU Professor, asked the first question; he wanted to know if the candidates believe judges should be elected, or whether they should be appointed. Diane was the only candidate who prefers appointment over election by the people.

Another question from the audience was how many women currently serve on the bench in Sedgwick County. Of course, the two women, **Linda** and **Diane**, stated their belief that there are not enough women judges and that perhaps they are better qualified than their men counterparts BECAUSE they are women. This 'reasoning' did not resonate well with female KRA members, as the endorsement votes showed.

Mike, who stated more than once that he believes in upholding the

Constitution, made two outstanding points; 1) People need to elect the most qualified candidate for judge regardless of race, gender, etc., and 2) Judges should not advocate from the bench, but should follow the law as written.

Closing statements: **Diane** reiterated once again that Sedgwick County needs more women judges. **Seth** and **Mike** re-stated their conservative, pro-life and pro-family convictions, and **Mike** pointed out the curious fact that **Diane** switched her registration to Republican just 45 days prior to filing as a candidate for Judge. In **Linda's** closing statements, she reminded us that she's a Conservative Republican 'woman.'

Immediately following the forum, KRA members voted by private ballot, their choice for Judge in both District 5 and 19. Votes were counted immediately. Results are as follows:

Div-05	Seth Rundle – 8 votes	Linda Kirby – 4 votes
Div-19	Mike Hoelscher – 8 votes	Diane Sherwood – 4 votes

Eric Henderson offered a motion to table the Insurance Commissioner Endorsement vote to allow all KRA members to vote electronically. **Mark Gietzen** explained that KRA members in distant parts of the state want to have input on the important Insurance Commissioner Endorsement vote. This new phenomenon of distant KRA members wanting to be part of the official KRA is caused by the closing of the "renegade KRA" which split from the National Federation of Republican Assemblies in 2004, and operated illegally using the KRA name until a few month ago when they ceased operations and removed their web-site. The main reason the renegade KRA closed is due to candidates across Kansas refusing to accept the renegade KRA endorsements, due to our warning to the candidates. **Mark** said that it is now time to bring all of the 'homeless' KRA members into the Official KRA Organization.

After announcements and old/new business, **Eric Henderson** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Al Alliston** seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at about 8:45 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Troy Newman)

Credits:		
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 from March 13, 2014 Treasurer's Report		\$2,332.69
Donations and dues (<i>Non-Designated KRA Funds</i>)	.....	\$440.00
Donations (<i>Designated for Fluoride-fighting ONLY New Account</i>)	.....	\$3,528.42
Donations (<i>Designated for Fluoride CHALLENGE Account Interest only</i>)	.....	\$0.13
TOTAL Overall Available Funds this period		\$3,672.74
Non-Fluoride Expenses: (<i>none</i>)	.....	\$0.00
Fluoride-fighting Expenses:		
Printing for Fluoride Bill Promo	.....	\$250.00
Lobbyist expenses (<i>wages via TAG Lauren Holroyd + gas + tolls + food</i>)	...	\$4,573.55
Credit Card Acceptance Discount Fees	.....	\$146.15
Total Fluoride-fighting Expenses		\$4,969.70
Ending Balance July 10, 2014 (<i>Non Designated KRA Funds</i>)	.....	\$590.52
Ending Balance July 10, 2014 (<i>Designated for Fluoride-fighting</i>)	.....	\$190.86
Ending Balance July 10, 2014 (<i>Fluoride CHALLENGE Account</i>)	.....	\$550.16
ENDING OVERALL BALANCE as of July 10, 2014	.....	\$1,004.69

(We have one outstanding bill, a Fluoride Account bill, the 2nd half of Dr. Whyte's fees, airline ticket, travel and hotel costs for the Fluoride Bill Committee Hearing = \$1359.70.)