



# Kansas Republican Assembly

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February 14, 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

Debbie Baker – Secretary:

- d. Minutes – (*see reverse side – Also, newly posted on the KRA web site.*)

Troy Newman – Treasurer:

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

Mark Gietzen

- f. Wichita City Council Primary Candidates Forum OPENING STATEMENTS
- g. Questions from any media present
- h. Moderated Q & A from the floor: (*Directed to one or to all...*)

Mark Gietzen (Old/New Business – Progress Reports)

- i. **James Hodges** – Defender of Liberty Awards to Kansas House & Senate.
- j. **Heartbeat Legislation**; Progress Report: [http://kslegislature.org/li/b2013\\_14/measures/hb2324/](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2013_14/measures/hb2324/)
- k. **State Level Fluoride Efforts**: (*Success in Topeka this week*)
- l. **Debbie Baker** – KRA and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment issues, plans and ideas.

Announcements:

- m. Candidate Announcements from any other candidate or candidate's volunteer present
- n. Announcement: **Wichita Pachyderm** most every Friday at noon, 9th Floor, of the Bank of America Building, 100 N. Broadway
- o. **Heather Teal** needs Child-care for little Cooper – time or help with child-care costs for six weeks – two days per week 9: am to 2: pm.
- p. **KCFL** fundraisers for Radio Ads – up to \$42 per day Per Diem costs covered.
- q. Announcement: Next **KRA Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Adjournment

# KRA Meeting Minutes; Jan 10, 2013

Debbie Baker, KRA Secretary

Our guest speaker was **Jeff Blubaugh** who is running in a special election for Wichita City Council District-4 to fill the position previously held by newly elected **Senator Michael O'Donnell**, who was present at the meeting, and is soon going to Topeka. Jeff's opponent, **Joshua Blick**, was also invited to speak but was not able to make it.

After Jeff's opening statement and comments about his decision to run, KRA President, **Mark Gietzen**, gave a television news team present the first opportunity to ask questions of the candidate. However, the news team preferred to simply record questions taken from the KRA members present, and they were not disappointed!

The question and answer session soon turned into a lively, emotion-filled discourse between Jeff and various strong-minded KRA members who disagreed with some of Jeff's positions, particularly in the area of TIFs (*Tax Increment Financing*). **James Hodges**, **Debbie Baker**, and **Craig Gabel**, who calls TIFs "*a form of charity forced upon taxpayers for the unfair benefit of a few chosen businesses,*" each challenged Jeff's apparent willingness to spend future tax dollars in this way.

Moving to other items on the agenda, **Mark Gietzen** went on . . . and on . . . and on . . . for more than 4 minutes on two issues - Heartbeat Legislation and Fluoride – *repeating many of the same points that he has made at recent KRA meetings, to the same people who have heard*

*these same points before!!*

Following that, **Brian Coss** made a motion for the KRA Secretary to write a tactful letter to **Topeka Mayor Bill Bunten**, Topeka's City Manager, and to each Topeka City Council member, asking that the fluoride valve be turned off during the legislative session to protect our legislators from potential loss of I.Q. and other negative side effects of fluoride while in Topeka. In addition to our legislators and the many others who go to Topeka during the session, Topeka residents would also benefit from the move, and the city could save a lot of money. **Eric Henderson** seconded the motion, and after some discussion, the 33 members present approved it unanimously.

**James Hodges** made a motion for the KRA to reimburse **Deborah Sanders** \$79.27 for her unexpected cell phone charges due to the many phone calls she made in anticipation of **Dr. David Kennedy's** fluoride movie that was shown at the December KRA meeting. **Dennis Benoit** from Salina seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Clinton D. Coen**, a newly announced candidate for Wichita City Council District-3 introduced himself and spoke briefly about his run for the City Council. Clinton is seeking **James Clendenin's** seat and will be a featured speaker, along with other candidates, at an upcoming KRA meeting.

FINALLY, at about 8:15 pm **James Hodges** made the motion to adjourn. At least five people seconded the motion, which passed unanimously!

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

<b>Credits:</b>	Ending balance from January 10, 2013 Treasurer's Report....	\$7.77
	Donations and dues.....	\$460.00
	Donations ( <i>Fluoride Funds – Separate Account</i> ).....	\$0.00
	Total Available Funds this period.....	<b>\$467.77</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	Deborah Sanders Phone Bill Overage; reimbursement .....	\$79.27
	KRA Organizational State Lobbyist Registration-Fluoride Only...	\$75.00
	Western Imaging Printing Fluoride handouts; SCK Legis.Forum..	\$250.00
<b>Ending Balance February 14, 2013</b>		<b>\$63.50</b>