



Kansas Republican Assembly

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October 10, 2013

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: **2013-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. Intro of **Hon. Representative John Bradford**, for a talk on the Kansa FairTax:
 - Where we are on the road to a Kansas FairTax.
 - Where we need to be?
 - Plans and strategy to get us to where we need to be, to have a successful FairTax 2014 Legislative Session.
- f. Questions from any media present
- g. Moderated Q & A from the floor

Mark S. Gietzen (*Old/New Business – Progress Reports*)

- h. Report on NFRA Convention, September 12-15, 2013, in Dallas/Fort Worth
- i. Introduction of Tracey Armstrong – potential New KRA Vice-Chair. Others interested?

Announcements:

- j. Announcements from members
- k. NFRA Dues Paid (\$3 per member – 65 = \$195 paid 2013-June-28) Please renew memberships and pay dues – consider a donation to help cover costs.
- l. Announcement: **Wichita Pachyderm** most every Friday at noon, 9th Floor, of the Bank of America Building, 100 N. Broadway
- m. Next **KRA Meeting November 14th** (*Poll how many want a December meeting?*)

Adjournment

KRA Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2013

Debbie Baker, KRA Secretary

Debbie Baker was not able to attend the June 13th KRA meeting. A volunteer who took the minutes at the meeting has not yet submitted the minutes.

'Temporary Meeting Minutes' - by Mark S. Gietzen:

The June 13th KRA meeting featured **Phyllis Gilmore**, the newly appointed **Secretary of the Kansas Department of Children and Families**.

Secretary Gilmore, who came to the meeting with three of her office staff members, gave an informative 45-minute slide-show presentation about the Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF), and about the way that her office functions. The slide-show presentation was followed by a heated round of questions from the floor.

The media persons present at the meeting chose not to ask direct questions of **Secretary Gilmore**, preferring to see how **Gilmore** would handle the strongly emotional questions that came from some of the meeting attendees, i.e., immediate family members, grandparents and relatives of children who are, or were, in state's custody.

The standing-room only audience included one person who displayed a large hand-written protest-sign critical of the performance of the Kansas DCF, concerning child custody issues.

Secretary Gilmore had agreed to a one-hour meeting, 45 minutes of presentation, and 15 minutes of questions, in order to make it to another Wichita meeting after the KRA meeting. However, due to the intense nature of the questions from the audience, Secretary Gilmore stayed, not only until everyone had an opportunity to ask at least one question, but rather until each and every question from the floor was fully answered.

Secretary Gilmore was not able to make everyone present happy; however, her sincerity, openness about the system, obvious good intentions & values – identical to most in the room, and her plans for improvement of the DCF, neutralized much of the negative emotion that was present at the start of the meeting.

The DCF employees present took notes from individual attendees who needed further follow-up to resolve their issues. In the end, **Secretary Gilmore** received a warm round of applause.

The meeting had lasted just under 2 hours.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *(Troy Newman)*

Credits:	ENDING OVERALL BALANCE from June 13, 2013 Treasurer's Report.....	\$645.32
	Ending Balance June 13, 2013 <i>(Non Designated Funds)</i>	\$238.50
	Ending Balance June 13, 2013 <i>(Designated for Fluoride-fighting)</i>	\$406.82
	Donations and dues <i>(Non Designated Funds)</i>	\$0.00
	Donations <i>(Designated for Fluoride-fighting)</i>	\$3,050.00
	TOTAL Overall Available Funds this period.....	\$3,695.32
Expenditures:	<i>(Non-Fluoride Expenses)</i> Radio Promo for this meeting.....	\$100.00
	NFRA Convention Fluoride Presentation Expense incl. Materials.....	\$2,550.00
	Fluoride Test Kit (\$195) + Fluoride Testing Instrument (\$227.95)	\$422.95
	Ending Balance October 10, 2013 <i>(Non Designated Funds)</i>	\$138.50
	Ending Balance October 10, 2013 <i>(Designated for Fluoride-fighting)</i>	\$483.87
	ENDING OVERALL BALANCE October 10, 2013	\$622.37