



Kansas Republican Assembly

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December 12, 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: **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. Intro of **Hon. Representative Jim Howell**, for a talk on:
 - Upcoming 2014 Legislative Session
 - Sedgwick County Commission, 5th District Race
- f. Questions from any media present
- g. Moderated Q & A from the floor
- h. Intro of **Lorie Medina**, Dir., Political & Field Ops - Dr. Milton Wolf for US Senate 2013-201

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

- i. Progress on ByLaws – Current status and plans
- j. Fluoride Challenge Fund – Explanation and plans
- k. Dismissal of non-voting members
- l. Election of Officers for 4-Year Term

Announcements:

- m. Announcements from members
- n. Dues and donations welcome to help cover costs
- o. Announcement: **Wichita Pachyderm** most every Friday at noon, 9th Floor, of the Bank of America Building, 100 N. Broadway
- p. Next **KRA Meeting December 12th** (*Poll how many want a December meeting?*)

Adjournment

KRA Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2013

Debbie Baker, KRA Secretary

The opening prayer, led by **Rev. Bruce Gass**, was followed by the flag salute, led by **Glen Burdue**, the oldest veteran present. **Cindy Coss** made a motion to accept the minutes, as printed on the backside of the meeting agenda; **James Kilpatrick** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Debbie Baker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed on the backside of the meeting agenda. **Tracy Armstrong** seconded that motion. Motion passed.

State Representative Jim Howell from Derby, Kansas was the guest speaker. He spoke mostly about the upcoming Kansas legislative session and included the following topics: school finance and the pending Kansas Supreme Court decision (*one KRA member declared her opinion, stating, "Just say no," which many of the members present agreed with*). Other topics included Common Core; renewable energy; pensions/benefits for state employees; and moving the Spring Elections to the fall.

Representative Howell noted that there are two main individuals who stand in the way of moving all elections to the fall: Senator Dennis Pyle and Representative Scott Schwab. Many KRA members present made note of these two names in order to follow up with them later. Ironically, even though Senator Pyle lives in North Eastern Kansas, four (4) KRA members present at tonight's meeting spent an entire day going door-to-door for Senator Pyle in 2012, covering a major part of Atchison, Kansas for candidate Senator Pyle.

Representative Howell also talked about his race for County Commission, and his opponent, Jim Skelton, who consistently votes left of center and happens to like an ever-expanding county government. It was refreshing to hear **Jim Howell** articulate the case for limited government, personal responsibility and individual liberty, even at the County level.

Also present at tonight's KRA meeting was **Lori Medina** –Political Director & Field Operations Manager for Dr. Milton Wolf. Dr. Wolf

is running against Senator Pat Roberts for a U.S. Senate seat. **Lori** spoke a bit about her own background as an active Tea Party leader in Texas (*having started over 100 Tea Parties across that state*), before joining Wolf's campaign. **Lori** briefly talked about her strategy for winning. **Lori** stated, "A vote isn't enough anymore. Our Representatives must be our VOICE!" She assured us that Dr. Wolf is not afraid to speak up and be a voice for the Constitution and the rule of law.

In connection with the KRA sponsored HB-2372, a discussion ensued regarding the fight to remove fluoride from municipal water supplies in Kansas. As a media ploy, **President, Mark Gietzen**, would like to place a sum of money into a separate account to be offered to anyone who can find a scientific study ANYWHERE on Planet Earth, which proves that ingesting fluoride internally, is either safe or effective. The reason to segregate the funds is that many Democrats, Libertarians and Independents support HB-2372 and would like to contribute to that cause, but do not want to fund other non-fluoride related KRA partisan activities. The fund will, nevertheless, remain as KRA property, under the control of the Executive Committee, unless and until awarded to someone in accordance with the rules for claiming the prize. The discussion ended when **Chris Brown** formalized the plan with a motion to establish 'The Fluoride Challenge' fund. **James Kilpatrick** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nearing the end of the meeting, a new Executive Committee was elected. The candidates were **Mark Gietzen** – President, **Tracy Armstrong** – Vice President, **Debbie Baker** – Secretary, and **Troy Newman** – Treasurer. No one challenged these four individuals for their position, so they were elected as a slate of candidates by acclamation. **Craig Gabel** made the motion to accept all four candidates as the new KRA Executive Committee for the next four years. **James Kilpatrick** seconded the motion. Motion passed. Congratulations to all four!

After a few announcements, **Chris Brown** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Representative Les Osterman** seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Troy Newman)

Credits:	ENDING OVERALL BALANCE from October 10, 2013 Treasurer's Report..	\$622.37
	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
	Donations and dues (<i>Non Designated Funds</i>).....	\$75.00
	Donations (<i>Designated for Fluoride-fighting</i>).....	\$0.00
	TOTAL Overall Available Funds this period.....	\$697.70
Expenditures:	(<i>Non-Fluoride Expenses</i>) Radio Promo for this meeting.....	\$100.00
	Fluoride Testing Standard (1-PPM Fluoride) from Grainger.....	\$68.99
	Travel and Printing for Salina Fluoride Forum.....	\$161.67
	Ending Balance November 14, 2013 (<i>Non Designated Funds</i>).....	\$113.50
	Ending Balance November 14, 2013 (<i>Designated for Fluoride-fighting</i>).....	\$253.21
	ENDING OVERALL BALANCE as of November 14, 2013	\$366.71