

MINUTES

MEETING: GO Topeka Board of Directors

PLACE: Chamber Board Room

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

DATE: January 6, 2006

Present: Carl Koupal, Andy Jetter, Rick Jackson, Linda Rameriz Gonzalez, Mark Wittenburg, John Moenius, Sister Loretto Marie Colwell, Luck DeFries, Jim Haines, Terry Neher, Mike Wilson, Dan Woodard, Ed Carmona, Connie Goodnow, Kris Kitchen, Matt Sabatini, Ben Blair, Neil Fisher, Alonzo Harrison, Bob Schuster, Kathleen Urbom, Commissioner Vic Miller, Mayor Bill Bunten, David Kerr, John Myers, Brad Owen

Guests: Michelle Stubblefield, Liz Baranco

Carl Koupal called the meeting to order and indicated Doug Kinsinger was ill and not able to attend the meeting.

Ed Carmona moved, Lucky DeFries seconding, that the minutes of the November 4, 2005 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Brad Owen presented financial statements for the period, indicating a good cash position and expenses in line with budget. He also discussed pending budgeted incentives. Ed Carmona moved, Kathleen Urbom seconding, that the financials be approved. The motion carried.

Mark Wittenburg presented a proposed slate of officers and board members. Carlos Gomez is suggested to be appointed to a two year term ending in 2008. Ben Blair moved, Connie Goodnow seconding, that the proposed slate of officers and board members be approved. The motion carried. Carl Koupal indicated that Sister Loretto Marie Colwell had been approached to serve another term but that she regretted that she would be unable to serve. Koupal thanked Sister for being a founding member of GO Topeka and for her tenure on the board. Koupal also indicated that Kris Robbins will also be leaving the GO Topeka board and thanked him for also being a founding member of GO Topeka.

Mark Wittenburg discussed the committee established to take a look at updating the Bylaws. Some language changes and language revision was suggested. Linda Ramirez Gonzalez moved, Kathleen Urbom seconding, that the proposed revisions to the Bylaws be approved. The motion carried.

Carl Koupal reminded the Board that they monetarily supported the efforts of Mana de Topeka to produce a Hispanic Business Conference. Brian Turner indicated the organization produced an efficient and well organized event attended by approximately 350 persons.

Michelle Stubblefield and Liz Baranco advised there were 26 vendors, including 11 vendors in the job bank. The event was well attended and plans are already being made for next years' job fair. Liz Baranco indicated that education is a continuing process on how to reach people, including how to reach and teach people about diversity. Stubblefield and Baranco thanked GO Topeka for their support.

Brian Turner discussed advertisements in local papers regarding events at the Retail Incubator and one thanking the taxpayers of Shawnee County for passing the quarter cent sales tax. Kathy Moellenberndt advised there are four tenants at the Retail Incubator and staff continues to work with them regarding their marketing plans.