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Greater Kansas City
Community Foundation*

Established 2013

Minutes

February 25, 2015 6 p.m.

Call meeting to Order with the following advisory board members in attendance:

Cory Coe
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Aaron Otto

1. **Minutes:** It was moved by Kathleen and seconded by Teresa to approve previous minutes from the January 28, 2015 as presented.
2. **Election of a chair, co-chair, secretary:** Blake Morgan was nominated for chair; Kathleen Whitworth as co-chair; and Teresa Kelly for secretary. A motion was made by Ardie for unanimous consent for these individuals to serve in their nominated positions.
3. **Possible request for support from the Shawnee Indian Mission:** Tom Dicks presented to the plan to renovate the west building. Three Heritage grants have been applied for and received. There is a need to raise matching funds in order to draw down the funds available through these three grants. This is the last

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year of the Heritage grants. The SIM Foundation recently learned that it had received a \$42,000 Heritage grant. Based on volunteer hours and Christmas tree sales at the end of 2014 or in early 2015 over \$16,000 has been raised as part of the \$42,000 match.

Mr. Dicks asked the foundation advisory board if the Roeland Park Community Foundation was in a position to support a project outside the City since the SIM is a community asset. Currently all assets in the Roeland Park Community Foundation are dedicated to a specific bucket (i.e. arts, parks, community events, sustainability, community garden). Therefore their currently are no funds available to apply for.

There was a suggestion for the SIM Foundation to approach the City Council directly to ask for permission to include information in the next city newsletter which can include a direct appeal for support to the SIM Foundation and increase general awareness of the site.

- 4. Discussion of a development plan-** There was a discussion about holding a single foundation fundraising event each year and allow donors to designate their funds to whichever donation bucket they support.

There was also a suggestion for a general fundraising letter for all needs. This approach was not very successful in the past.



There was discussion about including a request for contributions for the community foundation in the newsletter in the future.

Additionally, there was a discussion about how committees could coordinate their fundraising timelines with each other to try to eliminate the overlap.

Teresa Kelly and Blake Morgan will work on an outline of a possible development plan to be presented at a future meeting.

5. Future financial donations from the Mayor- The Mayor anticipates starting his monthly contributions to the foundation in the summer.

With no other business before the advisory board the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be the last week in April.