

**Garnett Community Foundation Board**  
**Minutes**  
**July 19, 2017**

The Garnett Community Foundation Board met on July 19, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Garnett Recreation Center. President, Charley Caron, called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Helen Norman to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. Before moving on to Old Business, Joyce Martin provided a brief history of the Foundation Board and its purpose in the community for new members present at the meeting. A motion was made to approve Joyce as a new member of the Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Financial Report:**

The financial report showed a balance of \$21,080.28. A total of \$11,058.31 is the amount that is available for the Board's use.

**Old Business:**

- Dog Park- The Board discussed the future of the dog park project and current problems relating to the project. Beth Mersman initially brought the idea for the dog park forward. Charley Caron collected research in regard to the project, including estimated costs, possible locations, and interest in the park itself. A location for the project has not been determined and the overall cost is expected to be very high, with minimal equipment costs (e.g., bench, trash receptacle, fire hydrant) coming in at approximately \$5,000. It was proposed to go back to Beth and ask about possible interest in the future of the project, and if none exists, how she would like to allocate money that has been donated.
- Sensory Park- Joyce reported on the progress and need for a sensory park in Garnett. Due to parks in the town not being handicap accessible, this park could be an alternative for children with disabilities, as well as a different type of park available for community use. Due to the rejection of funding from the Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Grant, Joyce has continued to seek out additional means of funding. Requirements for the park include fencing, as well as a request from Phil Bures to purchase equipment that can be added to in the future. Additional equipment may possibly be added to the Parks Department budget. The Board unanimously agreed to continue to work on the project. It was also discussed to place large-scale drawings of the park in various locations in town and to make donation envelopes available.
- Grocery Grab- Helen agreed to ask the Country Mart manager about the prospect of continuing the event in the future. Tickets for the previous event were \$10 each and it was held in October. The board members agreed that holding the event before the holiday season would be ideal.

- Pub-2-Pub- Tabled until Joe Johnson is able to attend a meeting.

**New Business:**

- Election of new officers:
  - President, Charley Caron
  - Vice-President, Gary Teel
  - Secretary, Erin Stevenson
- A motion was made to continue to hold meetings on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Gary Teel mentioned the previously discussed possibility of asking vendors that work with the City to donate a portion of their profits received from the City of Garnett back to the Foundation Board. Joyce has begun to draft a letter to be sent. The Board also discussed including a “Level of Sponsorship” to include in the letter for the vendors to select from. Vendor names could then be displayed on plaques for future projects or banners to be displayed at city events.

Helen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The next Board meeting will be held on August 7, 2017 at 5:30 PM.