**CITY OF FOUNTAINS FOUNDATION**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**
April 26, 2006

Present: Jim Bernard Jr., Joel Vile, David Ross, Barbara Barickman-Meier, Gary Cortes, Carl DiCapo, Howard Jacobson, Michelle Stark Kaufman, Mike Malyn, Dave Schwartz, Joanie Shields, Jack Tinnel and Sandra Aust. Also in attendance were Mark McHenry, Richard Coleman, Terry Dopson, Bob Lewellen and Linda Dillon.

Excused: Bob Berkebile, Anita Gorman and David Seay.

Absent: Ollie Gates and Yvonne Wilson.

President Jim Bernard, Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Thanks to Sandra Aust and the Stowers Institute for hosting today's meeting.

The minutes from the January 18, 2006 meeting were approved as circulated.

Financial Report: Jim presented the financial report though March 31, 2006. The net return was 5%. The financial report was approved as submitted. There are still some questions to be answered and David Ross will undertake this project.

David Ross, Joanie Shields, Joel Vile and Jim Bernard volunteered to be on the Finance Committee.

Parks Report: Cleaning of the J.C. Nichols Fountain and the Lewis & Clark Memorial Plaque was completed in October 2005. The George Washington Memorial was completed in April 2006. James Pendergast Memorial and The Thinker will be completed this spring. Andrew Drips Monument received funding from the G.O. Bond, but the proposed work exceeded the amount allocated. Additional funds are being sought. 8 fountains and monuments were included in a major restoration contract with MTS Construction, with funding from PIAC, COF, Adopt a Monument and City Trust. These are American War Mothers Memorial, Westside Fountain, Seville Light Fountain, Romany Fountain, Harold Rice Fountain, Santa Fe Trail Marker, Statue of Liberty, Carl DiCapo fountain plaque. Local businesses and private donors have contributed to have conservation work done on The Pioneer Mother and The WagonMaster. The Massasoit sculpture will be cleaned of vandalism and rewaxed. PIAC hearings will be held in July and August. The Parks Dept. met yesterday to talk about hiring a full-time employee for conservation of the fountains.

SOS!: Joanie reported there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. The next fountain cleaning will be held on Friday morning at 23rd & Burlington at 10:00 a.m. This is a sculpture by Tom Corbin of 2 boys and a dog and is owned by UMB.

President's Report: The Federal Reserve Bank is going to construct a fountain on their own property and they will maintain it.

6th District Fountain: The 6th District fountain is going ahead. HNTB is designing the roundabout and Wet Design is designing the fountain.

There is a new fountain going in at Corporate Woods in Johnson County. This fountain will honor former Mayor Ed Eilert.

Executive Assistant's Report: Book sales are not picking up as quickly as we would like. There are 720 books in the warehouse, 193,050 brochures and some video covers. There are also at least 1000 fountain buttons which will be thrown away due to rustiness. Linda has asked Cheryl Hanback to close our online store where people can buy merchandise with credit cards. This is becoming too costly per month. When there is interest in a product, the person can contact Linda directly and send a check for the merchandise.

Bob Lewellen reported that Parks has excess property which they would like to sell. He has a buyer for one building. The sale of this property would need to go before the voters. He is suggesting all of the money be used for the Women's Leadership Foundation at 9th & Paseo. Information on this ballot issue needs to get to the voters. Bob will work with Pat O'Neill on this. The property is at 22nd & Gillham Road.

Fountain Day: Fountain Day was held April 3rd at Ilus Davis Park. It was held in conjunction with the Royals Opening Day. This doesn't seem to work well for COF as there is little, if any, press about turning on of the fountains. September 10th will be the 25th year of the Spirit of Freedom Fountain and there will be a celebration there at 5:00 p.m.

Endangered Fountains: There is a list of 50 endangered fountains/sculptures. COF will obtain this list and work to see if we can get people or companies to adopt a particular fountain for a year.

Friends of the Fountains: The committee met and a report was given to all present. This needs to be reviewed and discussed at the next Board meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Jim mentioned several items of unfinished business: Video update; tourism package; bequests; list with Donor's Edge. No action taken.

Michelle Stark Kaufmann will host the next meeting on September 28th with Mike Malyn co-hosting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.