

**Keep Abilene Beautiful
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chase Robertson Akane Thaxton Deborah Williams
Melissa Morris Amy Martin Beth Woodcock
Jane Tomlinson

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pacheco Srinivas Valavala Kelley Messer
Max Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: Akane Thaxton called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Akane Thaxton announced an opportunity for the public to comment on any of the agenda items. No members of the public requested to make a public comment.

TREASURE’S REPORT

1. REVIEW FINANCIALS

Keep Abilene Beautiful Treasure, Chase Robertson, reported on the Keep Abilene Beautiful’s financials. Reports reviewed were financial statement, operational budget, and banks statement as of December 31, 2022. The board also reviewed its November 2022 fund activity statement for endowment account at the Community Foundation of Abilene.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. Education & Community Outreach Committee Report

Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator, Jennifer Pacheco introduced “Equitable Access to Nature” to the board. According to a study 80% of children in the US live in cities and creating accessibility to nature will benefit millions of children to be happier, healthier, and successful in school. “Cities Connecting Children to Nature” is a city-wide commitment for all children to have access to nature. No action was taken for this item.

3. Events & Fundraising Committee Report

Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator, Jennifer Pacheco presented a fundraising event idea “the Green Gala” to the board. This event is planned for March 17, 2023 with fashion show pieces made from trash. The board decided that there is not enough time to prepare for a successful event because we are depending on the community to create show pieces and the event date falls on a Spring Break week. No action was taken for this item.

COORDINATOR'S UPDATE

4. Report on December Numbers

Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator, Jennifer Pacheco presented KAB's activities for December.

- **Bench & Tree Program**

One bench was purchased in December 2022 and received seven inquiries for the program.

- **Adopt-A-Spot Program**

35 groups were signed up for Adapt-A-Spot program and one cleanup was scheduled in December. KAB received two inquiries regarding the Adopt-A-Spot program.

- **Volunteer Program**

In December, 4 new volunteers joined KAB. There were two inquiries about our volunteering program.

5. Christmas Tree Recycling Drive

The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Drive and its details were announced to the board.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Governor's Community Achievement Award - Review and Discuss the Application Requirements and Process

Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator, Jennifer Pacheco presented the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) and its application details. Akane Thaxton, Kyle Tolliver, and Beth Woodcock volunteered to form a GCAA application committee. They will work with Jennifer Pacheco and other city personnel to apply for the award.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next KAB board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 8, 2023, at 4:00 pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.