LAWRENCE COMMUNITY CHEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAWRENCE, KANSAS

December 1, 1943

Dear Fellow Board Member:

On examination of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lawrence Community Chest, I find that the action taken at the last Board meeting, November 19, 1943, violates the Constitution at several points. I consulted with several members, whom I thought best qualified, as to the interpretation of these sections in the Constitution and on our common agreement, have decided to call a meeting of the Board at the Chamber of Commerce rooms for Monday, December 6, 1943, at 4:00 P.M., for reconsideration of this action.

That you may know and be considering the matter, it is at three places that the constitutionality of the action taken November 19th voting \$1,000.00 of the Chest's funds for the purpose of erecting a temporary sign board for the displaying of names of men in service from Douglas County is under question; namely:

(1) The action is in violation of Article II, "Purpose and Methods of Work"; Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution, in that the purpose of project for which money was voted is not covered in constitutional provision:

Section 1: "To promote cooperation and service adequate to the needs of the community among social service agencies, and to assist in the organization of new social service agencies when necessary".

Section 2: "To receive cash subscriptions, notes, promises to pay, gifts and bequests and to collect same and to disburse funds held by it amongst agencies organized and existing for social, philanthropic, correctional, or preventive purposes".

- (2) According to Section 2, quoted above, an agency must be in existence to vote money to, ("to disburse funds held by it amongst agencies organized and existing").
- (3) The action further was in violation of Article IX, "Budgets", Section 2, of By-Laws in that the required procedure was to refer "emergency cases" to the Budget Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Directors. This section in full reads:

"Tentative budgets for participating agencies shall be arrived at on or before thirty days prior to the annual campaign, except that should an emergency arise before or after the annual campaign, involving a change in this policy or a material change in the tentative budgets, the state of the emergency and the need for the change in policy or budgets shall be submitted promptly to the Budget Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Directors".

I hope there may be a full meeting of the Board as this is a matter of great importance to the future welfare of the Community Chest and of welfare agencies in our city.

Sincerely,

Theodore H. Aszman, President

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