

# **MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

**Members Present:** Catie Ringeisen (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Barb Schaller (Maries), Vicki Lange (Osage), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski), Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large), Don Brackhahn (MRPC At-Large), and Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large).

**Members Absent:** Bobbie Berger (Gasconade), Cindy Merx (Washington), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director).

**Staff Present:** Maria Bancroft

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Vicki Lange called the meeting to order and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 9:40 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the January 3, 2018 board meeting. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brackhahn. Motion passed.

**Phelps County Vacancy Update:** The board discussed ideas for potential candidates to fill the Phelps County vacancy. Names of interest included Wendy Young and Kent Bagnall. The search for additional candidates will continue.

**MRCF Community Grant Making Fund:** The board reviewed and discussed the 21 applications submitted requesting \$5,500 in total grant funds for this year's community grant-making fund. There was \$1,500 available to award in grants this year. The board selected the following grant recipients to receive \$250 each for their project:

1. Ya Ya's of Belle for Park and Arena Improvements
2. Caledonia Community Foundation for Village Park Improvements
3. Dent County Community Foundation for City Wide Clean Up & Beautification
4. ART Works on MAIN Gallery for Art Room Renovations
5. University of Missouri Extension – Crawford County for the Artists and Farmers Rendezvous event
6. CASA of South Central Missouri for the Volunteers Recruitment Event

Marilyn Odle made a motion to approve the six selected applicants for this year's grant award, seconded by Brown. Motion passed. The grantees will be recognized at the Invite-A-Friend luncheon on March 7, 2018.

**MRCF Fund Balance Report:** Bancroft presented the current fund balance report as of January 31, 2018 and February 28, 2018. There were not changes on new funds since the last report.

Current total number of funds: 59

Current total portfolio balance: \$1,372,063.38

Total number of new funds in 2018: 2

1. Maries County R2 Archery Club Scholarship - \$4,500
2. Ted and Edna Leffler Scholarship - \$219,487.93

**Affiliate of the Year Tracking Form Update:** Bancroft requested board members to share updates for MRCF's activities to add to the tracking form. Odle shared one new activity where she made contact with a family in her area and shared information on endowment scholarships. Staff will add this activity to the tracking form.

**MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates:** The board shared updates for each county's current activity. There were no updates for Crawford County. For Dent County, Gary Brown requested a marketing letter to share with local businesses to make a gift to MRCF. Bancroft is working on this to send to him soon. For Maries County, there was discussion to set up a time to meet with the Vienna High School's new principal. The Rails to Trails is waiting on local legislation finalizing. For Pulaski County, Odle informed the board that she will finish her term in June and is seeking a good candidate to fill the board position. There were no updates for Osage County, Phelps County, and Washington County.

**Closing Remarks & Adjournment:** Being no further business, Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m., seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

*\*Invite a Friend Luncheon*, please RSVP by no later than Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Lunch price per person is \$12. Cash or check payment can be made on the day of the meeting. (Checks made out to MRPC)

**Approved by the board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018**

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**Vicki Lange, Chair**

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**Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer**