

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Members Present: Catie Ringeisen (Crawford), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade), Vicki Nelson (Maries), Vicki Lange (Osage), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski), Cindy Merx (Washington), Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large), Don Brackhahn (MRPC At-Large), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Members Absent: Gary Brown (Dent) and Mark Riefer (Phelps)

Guests Present: Richard and Jeanne Cavender

Staff Present: Caitlin Jones and Maria Bancroft

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Nelson called the board meeting to order and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Nelson presented the minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting. Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Zap. Motion passed.

MRCF Fund Balances Report as of February 28, 2017 and March 31, 2017: Bancroft presented the fund balance report as of February 28, 2017 to the board. The fund balance report as of March 31, 2017 was not received yet from CFO and will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

MRCF 2017 Scholarships Review and Selections: Chairperson Nelson welcomed Richard and Jeanne Cavender to the meeting who were present as part of the review committee for the Cavender Scholarship Fund for Public Service.

The committee reviewed and selected from the applications on the following 2017 scholarship funds. Bancroft will coordinate with the schools certificate presentations with board members representing the county of the recipient and with the Cavenders for their scholarship very soon.

1. Richard and Jeanne Cavender Scholarship Fund: The committee reviewed the five applications received this year. There are two scholarships given to each recipient for \$500. After the committee's discussion, Prigge made a motion to select Drake Hair and Makayla Cahill as this year's recipients and Cassidy Cantrell as the alternate recipient, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

2. Cole-Mahan Scholarship Fund: The committee reviewed the three applications received this year for one \$500 scholarship. After the committee's discussion, Vogt

made a motion to select Brennen Middleton as this year's recipient and Kjella Page as the alternate recipient, seconded by Lange. Motion passed.

3. Claude and Irene Morgan Scholarship Fund: The committee reviewed the five applications received this year for one \$500 scholarship. After the committee's discussion, Brackhahn made a motion to select Heather Green as this year's recipient and Alexis Hartness as the alternate recipient, seconded by Dunlap. Motion passed.

Invite-A-Friend Luncheon Review and Comments: The overall feedback of this year's event was good. Comments were made by the board that it is easier to have grant recipients come for photo and meet other recipients. There needs to be an educational component next year and in the future which was missed this year such as an MRCF introduction, CFO presentation, etc. with a PowerPoint.

Selection of Nominating Committee for Board Officers: Bancroft share information on member terms that are coming due on June 30, 2017. Chairperson Vicki Nelson has serviced two complete terms allowed per the by-laws and cannot finish out the officer's term. Other members whose terms are soon to expire are Gary Brown (served one term), Doug Dunlap (maxed out with 2 terms), Vicki Lange (finished another member's term), and Don Brackhahn (finished another member's term). Vicki Lange and Don Brackhahn expressed interest to serve their first full term on the board. After discussion, the board decided to opt not to have a nominating committee to fill Vicki Nelson's officer seat. Odle made a motion to nominate Vicki Lange to serve as chairperson and to complete Vicki Nelson's term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, seconded by Merx. Motion passed. Staff will contact each member individually whose term is expiring at the end of the fiscal year to discuss serving another term.

MRCF Goals and Action Plan FY 16-17 Updates: Chairperson Nelson asked each board member present for community updates. Washington County: No updates. Osage County: No updates. Crawford County: No updates. Dent County: No updates. MRPC: No updates. Pulaski County: The school levy was voted on and passed by 70%. The last levy approved by vote was in 1966. Gasconade County: There is a new library in Owensville. Phelps County: The Pregnancy Resource Center of Rolla has purchased another home to use as a shelter for up to four women. Maries County: The Maries R2 Schools Foundation's steak night fundraiser was a success with donations totaling \$13,000. The school will receive a new endowed scholarship named the Party-Butler Family Scholarship Fund. The Maries R2 Schools Foundation board met recently to select this year's scholarship recipients totaling \$9,000.

Comments for the Good of the Order:

- a. CFO Annual Affiliate Appreciation Conference – April 18, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ramada Oasis Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803. To register for the event, go to: <http://cfozarks.org/affiliateconference/>

- b. Next MRCF board meeting is on June 7, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m., MRPC large conference room

Adjournment: Being no further business, Vogt made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at approximately 10:40 a.m., seconded by Lange. Motion passed.

Approved by the board on _____, 2017

Vicki Nelson, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF officer