



**MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
INVITE-A-FRIEND LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Members Present: Vicki Lange (Osage), Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large), Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director), Barb Schaller (Maries), Don Brackhahn (MRPC At-Large), Gary Brown (Dent), Bobbie Berger (Gasconade), Cindy Merx (Washington), and Marilyn Odle (Pulaski).

Members Absent: Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large) and Catie Ringeisen (Crawford).

Guests Present: Tom Werdenhouse (Three Rivers Electric), Sue Nichols (Art Works on Main), Joyce McGowan (Art Works on Main), Judy Cantoni (CFO), Mary Beth Cook (Dent County Community Foundation), Sarah Massengale (MU Extension), Cindy Butler (Ya Ya's of Belle), Becky Baconfisher (Ya Ya's of Belle), Tess Ridenhour (Ya Ya's of Belle), Brock Whisler (CASA), Becky Smith (CASA), Teresa Richards (Washington County Chamber of Commerce), and Lindsey Hethcote (MU Extension).

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Vicki Lange called the meeting to order at approximately 12:04 p.m. and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests, Board and Staff: Chairman Lange welcomed everyone to the luncheon and introductions were made by each attendee.

Lunch: Following introductions, lunch was served.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks Presentation: Judy Cantoni, Director of Advancement – Southeast Region with Community Foundation of the Ozarks, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. She shared information on CFO and giving statistics in Missouri through a PowerPoint presentation. A copy is attached.

Other Presentation: Bancroft shared information on MRCF's history and mission. She provided guests with MRPC's annual report and CFO's annual report.

Presentation of MRCF 2018 Grant Awards: Chairman Lange presented five of the six grant recipients for this year's grant round with their grant check. Caledonia Community Foundation

was not present at the luncheon. Each recipient shared details about their project with the group. The following grant recipients received their check:

1. Ya Ya's of Belle
2. University of Missouri Extension – Crawford County
3. CASA of South Central Missouri
4. ART Works on MAIN Gallery
5. Dent County Community Foundation
6. Caledonia Community Foundation (Unattended)

Comments for the Good of the Order: Chairman Lange congratulated this year's grant awardees and thanked the guests for participating in the luncheon meeting. Lange welcomed guests to attend future MRCF meetings.

- a. *Next board meeting – April 4, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.: Review of scholarship applications and selection of Nominating Committee for new officers.*

Adjournment: Being no further business, the luncheon meeting adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m.

Approved by the board on _____, 2018

Vicki Lange, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer