

## **Meramec Regional Community Foundation**

### **meeting minutes**

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Catie Ringeisen (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade), Vicki Nelson (Maries), Wayne Parry (Phelps), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski), Laura Antolak (MRCF At-Large), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director).

**Members Absent:** Joe Scott (Osage), John Robinson (Washington) and T.R. Dudley (MRPC At-Large).

**Guests Present:** Jeanne Cavender

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Parry called the board meeting to order and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:36 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Parry presented the minutes from the February 4, 2015 board meeting. Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dunlap. Motion passed.

**MRCF Fund Balances Report as of February 28, 2015:** Bancroft presented the financials for the period as of February 28, 2015. In addition, Bancroft provided the board with the MRPC administration tracking report as of February 28, 2015.

**MRCF 2015 Scholarships Review and Selections:** Chairman Parry welcomed Jeanne Cavender to the meeting as part of the committee for the Richard and Jeanne Cavender Scholarship Fund.

#### *1. Richard and Jeanne Cavender Scholarship Fund:*

The scholarship committee reviewed and discussed the applications that were received for the fund. Antolak made a motion, seconded by Nelson, to approve the following individuals as the first recipient, second recipient and alternates for this year. Motion passed: Emily E. Whitaker (1st recipient), Morgan Tegart (2nd recipient) and Elena Hotz as the alternate.

#### *2. Cole-Mahan Scholarship Fund:*

The scholarship committee reviewed and discussed the application received for the fund. Odle made a motion, seconded by Vogt to approve the application received from Leigha Kristine Edwards. Motion passed.

### **MRCF Goals and Action Plan FY 2015 & Updates**

Dent County: Brown met with members from the Dent County Foundation.

Pulaski: Waynesville School District made contact with CFO. The Waynesville Community Foundation is making progress at a slow pace. The Little Heroes project for the park renovation is underway.

Crawford: No updates.

Gasconade: Rails to Trails is making progress. The chamber is considering forming an endowed scholarship with CFO.

Phelps: St. Patrick Church will not create an endowment fund. The Kaleidoscope Discovery Center is making progress with a new office in downtown Rolla and creating new programs. The City of Rolla is meeting with a formed committee to start the process for the new animal shelter.

Maries: Maries R2 Schools Foundation Steak-Nite fundraiser made over \$15,000. Rails to Trails is making progress. Prigge shared information on the Give Ozarks campaign on May 5, 2015 and events that are being planned with various non-profit organizations in the area.

**Board Officer Vice-President Vacancy:** Due to John Robinson's recent resignation from the board, the board discussed filling this officer vacancy. Nelson made a motion to nominate Doug Dunlap as the board vice-president to replace John Robinson, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

**Comments for the Good of the Order:**

a. CFO Annual Affiliate Community Foundation Conference – April 21, 2015

b. Invite-A-Friend Luncheon – Date Changed To: May 6, 2015, 12 noon at MRPC

c. MRCF Annual Fundraiser – June 2015 (Tentative)

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.