

## **Meramec Regional Community Foundation**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

**Members Present:** Gary Brown (Dent County), Vicki Nelson (Maries County), Wayne Parry (Phelps County), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski County), John Robinson (Washington County), Laura Antolak (MRCF At-Large), T.R. Dudley (MRPC At-Large), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large).

**Members Absent:** Doug Dunlap (Gasconade County), Joe Scott (Osage County), Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director).

**Staff Present:** Maria Bancroft.

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Parry called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:37 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Parry asked the board for any comments or changes to the minutes from the September 3, 2014 board meeting. Being no further modifications to the minutes, Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed.

**MRCF Webpage/CFO Website Update:** Bancroft shared with the board that MRCF's webpage on CFO's website has been updated with the suggestions made by the board in September. Bancroft requested the board members to provide feedback on the changes and make any other recommendations to finalize the customization of the webpage before the next board meeting in November.

**Crawford County Board Member Vacancy & Vice-Chair Replacement:** Chairman Parry informed the board that Mardy Leathers recently resigned from the board due to a new job opportunity he has recently taken. The board discussed the selection of a new vice-chairman and also a Crawford County representative to replace Mardy Leathers. Nelson made a motion to nominate John Robinson to be appointed as the Vice-Chairman for MRCF to replace Mardy Leathers, seconded by Antolak. Motion passed.

**MRCF Board Member Orientation:** Chairman Parry shared with the board the idea of having another board orientation, especially for the newest board members recently appointed, to refresh everyone with MRCF and the relationship between CFO. The board members agreed to dedicate the January board meeting as a board orientation meeting and to ask CFO to share information with the group.

**Transfer of Wealth Study: 5% Solution Initiative:** Chairman Parry shared information with the board on the recent Transfer of Wealth Study presented by CFO. The board requested staff to send a copy of the presentation by email to allow each board member to have an opportunity to read the study presentation.

**Sustaining Membership Drive 2014 Update:** Chairman Parry updated the board with the input received from the board for endorsing the letter to send to each county. Odle opted to not sign the letter for Pulaski County due to her role with the Waynesville Community Foundation as president. Parry informed the board that he will contact Bonnie Prigge to finalize the letter by the end of the month.

**Recap of CFO Regional Affiliate Meeting on September 23, 2014:** Chairman Parry shared information with the board members on the presentations from the regional affiliate meeting hosted by MRCF/MRPC. There were about 15 participants comprised of other regional foundations and agency partners in the area.

#### **MRCF Goals and Action Plan & Board Member/Staff Updates:**

Phelps: Antolak shared with the group that the Kaleidoscope Discovery Center is looking to set up a fund for its organization.

Washington: Robinson provided an update on the MRCF community grant-making fund received by Valley R-6 schools to help fund Rachel's Challenge Program. The money was spent to purchase the program and will be expanded with other anti-bullying programs throughout the year.

Maries: Vogt informed the board of two upcoming fundraisers that will help fund several different projects for the Maries R2 schools. On October 11th at Vienna Eagles, the steak night fundraiser will help generate support for the annual D.C. trip. The Maries R2 Schools Foundation will have a steak night on March 28th

at the Vienna Eagles as well to raise funds for its community scholarship fund. Vogt mentioned that help is greatly needed for both of these events if anyone is interested to volunteer their time.

Pulaski: Odle updated the board of a new project in Waynesville that is underway. The project will be an all-accessible playground called Little Heros Park.

Dent: The Salem Memorial District Hospital has formed its own foundation. Bancroft will be reaching out to the president of the hospital's foundation offering any assistance in the future.

MRCF Community Grant-Making Fund: Bancroft gave 6-month reports from the following 2014 grant recipients: Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County, The Community Partnership, Faith Lutheran Church and Caledonia - Valley R6 Schools.

**MRCF Fund Balance Report as of August 31, 2014:** Staff presented the current fund balance report to the board for review. The new disaster relief funds are not indicated on this report but will show in future reports after the fund documents have been processed with CFO.

**MRCF Upcoming Events:** Bancroft reminded the board of the following upcoming events coming soon.

1. **Fundraiser Institute** – October 23, 2014, 1p.m. to 3 p.m. at MRPC
2. **MRCF Annual Fundraiser** – June 2015
3. **Invite-A-Friend Luncheon** – March 4, 2015, 12 noon at MRPC

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**Approved by the board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014**

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**Wayne Parry, Chair**

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**Attested by Secretary or other MRCF officer**