

**Meramec Regional Community Foundation
meeting minutes**

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Members Present: Catie Ringeisen (Crawford County), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade County), Vicki Nelson (Maries County), Wayne Parry (Phelps County), John Robinson (Washington County), T.R. Dudley (MRPC At-Large), Steve Vogt (At-Large) and Bonne Prigge (MRPC Executive Director).

Members Absent: Gary Brown (Dent County), Joe Scott (Osage County), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski County) and Laura Antolak (MRCF At-Large).

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft and Shannon Coatney.

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

Crawford County Board Member Vacancy: Chairman Parry welcomed Catie Ringeisen to the meeting and Catie introduced herself to the board. She agreed to serve on the board representing Crawford County. Nelson made a motion to appoint Catie Ringeisen to the board, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Parry asked the board for any changes to the minutes from the January 7, 2015 meeting. There were no updates to the minutes. Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Robinson. Motion passed.

MRCF 2015 Grant Applications: Chairman Parry led the board to an open discussion with the grant applications recently submitted for this year's community grant making fund. This year, the board received 11 applications and there is \$1,500 available to grant out to 6 recipients. Robinson made a motion to approve the following six applicants to receive a \$250 grant from the fund: Phelps County Humane Society, Chamois Industrial Development Corporation, Caring Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center, The Salvation Army of Pulaski County and Heartland Independent Living Center. The motion was seconded by Dunlap. Motion passed. A separate vote was conducted for the Maries County R2 Schools Foundation application chosen as well. Vicki Nelson and Steve Vogt abstained from the vote due to their affiliation with the organization. Robinson made a motion to approve Maries R2 Schools Foundation as the sixth recipient for the community grant making fund, seconded by Dunlap. Motion passed.

MRCF Goals and Action Plan & Board Member/Staff Updates: Chairman Parry asked the board for community updates to share with the group. In Maries County, Vogt updated the board that donations are coming in for the upcoming Maries County R2 Schools Foundation Steak Night fundraiser for March 28, 2015. Prigge updated the board on the Dessert Cabaret event that was another county fundraiser. The event raised over \$5,000 which exceeds last year's event. In Gasconade County, The Rails to Trails initiative is ongoing according to Dunlap. He mentioned that the Owensville Area Community Foundation is forming its own 501©3 in order for more local involvement with potential donors. In Phelps County, Parry has arranged for Brian Fogle to present the Transfer of Wealth Study information at the next St. James Chamber of Commerce luncheon on February 17, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at The Public House. There were no updates for Osage County, Crawford County, Dent County, Pulaski County and Washington County. Staff Updates: Bancroft informed the board of the recent US Bank gift that MRCF received for \$500 to go towards the administrative and operational expenses for the organization. She reminded the board that the Invite-A-Friend luncheon will happen during the May board meeting and an electronic invitation will be sent soon to the board.

MRCF Upcoming Events:

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

MRCF Annual Fundraiser – June 2015

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

Approved by the board on _____, 2015

Wayne Parry, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF officer