

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

meeting minutes

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Members Present: Gary Brown (Dent), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade), Vicki Nelson (Maries), Wayne Parry (Phelps), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski), Cindy Merx (Washington), Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Members Absent: Catie Ringeisen (Crawford) and T.R. Dudley (MRPC At-Large)

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Parry called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led the board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the October 7, 2015 board meeting. Dunlap made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

MRCF Grant-Making Fund 2015 Reports: Bancroft updated the board that there is one report pending from the Maries County RII School Foundation. The funds were used as each grant recipient specified in their grant application. There will be a follow up 12 month report due in March 2016.

MRCF 2016 Grant-Making Fund: Bancroft informed the board that marketing efforts are underway to promote the next grant round for the community grant-making fund. Press releases are in process and will be distributed to local media as well as information on the grant to our agency partners. Applications must be completed online this year with a deadline of January 29, 2016 by 5 p.m. There is \$1,476 available for distribution this year from the fund.

MRCF Fund Balance Report as of October 31, 2015: Bancroft provided the board with a copy of the most current fund balance report provided by CFO as of October 31, 2015. There will be several new funds listed in the December fund report that have been established since this report was issued.

Give Ozarks Training Event: Chairman Parry asked the board members present for feedback on the Give Ozarks training that happened on November 10, 2015. The board members provided feedback that the training was very helpful and informative.

Board Vacancies: Chairman Parry suggested that the board should begin considering board member nominations for board members who will have served the maximum number of terms as indicated in the bylaws.

Board Meeting Dates and Frequency: Bancroft asked for the board's input on changing the meeting frequency from every month to every other month. The February board meeting will be selection of the grant-making fund recipients. The April board meeting will be selection of scholarship recipients for the Cavender and Cole-Mahan scholarship funds. The annual board meeting will be on July 27, 2016. The meetings scheduled for January, May, June and November will be tentatively scheduled. There will not be a meeting in August in lieu of the annual meeting held at the end of July.

Sustaining Membership Drive: Bancroft asked the board members to provide a list of financial advisors to send information on this year's Sustaining Membership drive. In addition, the information sent to those individuals includes the membership form, a letter indicating the existing funds with MRCF and tax deduction information.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Chairman Parry welcomed the board members to provide the group with community updates. Gasconade: The MOB organization would like to become a 501©3. Prigge will send information to Dunlap on how to apply with the streamlined method. Pulaski: The Little Heros playground is underway and is nearly half way funded. The goal is to reach \$600,000 with \$350,000 donated so far. Phelps: The ABLE Commission and the Rolla Nutrition Site have created new funds with MRCF and CFO. Maries: The Maries R2 Schools Foundation will host its second Steak Night fundraiser on April 2, 2016 at the Vienna Eagles to raise funds for the scholarship fund. Region: Bancroft is mailing out Christmas cards to our agency partners and fund investors.

Adjournment: Being no further business, the board meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

