

Meramec Regional Community Foundation

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Members Present: Catie Ringeisen (Crawford), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade), Vicki Nelson (Maries), Wayne Parry (Phelps), Laura Antolak (MRCF At-Large), Steven Vogt (MRPC At-Large) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Members Absent: Gary Brown (Dent), Joe Scott (Osage), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski) 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 9:40 a.m. and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Vogt made a motion to approve the April 1st meeting minutes, seconded by Dunlap. Motion passed.

MRCF Fund Balances Report as of April 30, 2015: Bancroft shared the financial report as of April 30, 2015 with the board members present. Additional new funds will be reflected in the May financial report. The financials do not reflect the gifts made during Give Ozarks campaign. Prigge shared information on the outcome of the campaign that included participation from Ozark Actors Theatre, The Community Partnership and CASA.

MRCF Board Vacancies for Washington County and At-Large MRCF Member: Chairman Parry asked for discussion on the two board vacancies representing Washington County and Laura Antolak's replacement for the MRCF At-Large position. Prigge said she will visit with T.R. Dudley on suggestions from the county. The replacement for Osage County is on hold until further notice. Prigge stated she will research this as well. The MRCF At-Large position and the county representatives are appointments made by the MRCF's board not MRPC. Recommendations that were made for the MRCF At-Large included Dr. Sean Seibert, Carol Green, Joanne Zapp and Richard Huse.

2014 Community Grant-making Fund Updates: Bancroft provided a summary of the report submitted by The Community Partnership for the grant they received in 2014.

MRCF Goals and Action Plan FY 2015 & Updates: The board reviewed and discussed the goals and action plan for fiscal year 2015. The following goals/action items were changed from the 2014 plan to complete the new goals/action plan for the new fiscal year:

1. Crawford County: No changes
2. Dent County: Remove items #2 and #3; Add MRCF meet with the Dent County Foundation
3. Gasconade County: No changes
4. Maries County: No changes
5. Osage County: Replace board member as a vacancy; Add item #3 to fill board vacancy
6. Phelps County: Remove item #1; Modify item #2 to read as establish a fund for the Eck Animal Shelter fund project with the City of Rolla; Add establish a YEP with the Rolla High School
7. Pulaski County: No changes
8. Washington County: Add fill board vacancy
9. Meramec Region: No changes

Dunlap made a motion to approve the noted changes for the MRCF goals and action plan for FY 2015, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

Chairman Parry shared information on the Affiliate of the Year program for 2016 and the new requirements provided by Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Bancroft provided information that was sent out by CFO to host a Stories of Generosity and/or Fundraising Institute. The board agreed to participate and host in

September Stories of Generosity event and the Fundraising Institute in October. Staff will send this information to CFO and will try to coordinate the events to be held on the regular MRCF board meeting dates, if available.

Vogt provided an update on the Rails to Trails project. The board hired a part-time executive director to help raise money for the project. A new logo for the project is in process. The board is waiting on DNR and Ameren to make Rails to Trails an official project. Vogt also shared information that was distributed at the Maries R2 Schools graduation ceremony. At least 2,000 brochures and membership applications were distributed at the graduation ceremony.

New Business: Catie Ringeisen was appointed to finish out Mardy Leathers' term which ends in June 30, 2015. Dunlap made a motion to reappoint Ringeisen to serve a new three year term, seconded by Antolak. Motion passed.

Comments for the Good of the Order:

MRCF Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is scheduled on July 29, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in MRPC's large conference room.

MRCF Annual Fundraiser: The board decided to table the annual fundraiser for later in the year. Discussion was made by the board to look at ideas about hosting a fundraising event at a popular venue such as at The Public House in St. James to be held in the fall.

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.