

## **Meramec Regional Community Foundation**

### **MEETING minutes**

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

**Members Present:** Gary Brown (Dent), Vicki Nelson (Maries), Wayne Parry (Phelps), Marilyn Odle, Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large) and Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large).

**Members Absent:** Catie Ringeisen (Crawford), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade), Cindy Merx (Washington), T.R. Dudley (MRPC At-Large) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director).

**Staff Present:** Maria Bancroft

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Parry called the meeting to order and led the board with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the March 2, 2016 and April 6, 2016 board meetings. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for both meetings, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

**Board Member Terms & Election of Officers:** Chairman Parry shared with the board the following information and requested volunteers to serve as the nominating committee for new board officers. Chairman Parry appointed Cindy Merx, Bonnie Prigge, Chairman Parry and Vicki Nelson as the nominating committee. There were no objections by the board on the appointed committee members. T.R. Dudley submitted his resignation to the board on May 4, 2016. As a result the MRPC board must appointment a new representative to finish out Dudley's existing term. Steve Vogt, Marilyn Odle and Cindy Merx agreed to serve another 3-year term on the board of directors. Staff will send an email out to the board asking for volunteers who want to serve as an officer to contact Chairman Parry or Bonnie Prigge.

***Term Ending Board Members:*** Wayne Parry (Phelps), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski), Cindy Merx (Washington-Complete term for John Robinson) and Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large)

*Per MRCF by-law: Composition of the Board of Directors: No person may server as a Director for more than two (2) complete, consecutive three (3) year terms.*

***Current Board Officers:*** Wayne Parry (Chairman), Doug Dunlap (Vice-Chairman) and Vicki Nelson (Secretary/Treasurer)

*Per MRCF by-law: Term of Office: The officers of the Foundation shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Directors can serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one officer position. Election of Officers: Every other year at the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall place in nomination the names of directors of the Foundation to serve as officers of the Foundation. Election shall be simple majority of the Board of Directors present, so long as a quorum is present.*

**MRCF Fund Balances Report as of April 30, 2016:** Bancroft shared with the board the MRCF fund balance report as of April 30, 2016. Bancroft noted that there were no service fees for the Behind the Curtain fund because there was a substantial drawdown of funds in that account.

**Give Ozarks 2016 Recap:** Chairman Parry asked for feedback on Give Ozarks that happened on May 3, 2016. The total donations made on Give Ozarks were \$1,186,806. Ozark Actors Theatre received two prizes from the event. Zap mentioned that despite that learning curve for ABLE Commission and the Rolla Nutrition Site, it gave each organization exposure in the community. The following MRCF agency partners received their respective amount of donations as a result of Give Ozarks 2016:

1. Ozark Actors Theatre: \$13,945.12
2. ABLE Commission: \$302.60
3. Rolla Nutrition Site: \$442.60
4. CASA of South Central Missouri: \$3,001.69
5. The Kaleidoscope Discovery Center: \$1,257.66
6. The Community Partnership: \$2,270.55



Totaling: \$21,220.22

**Recap of CFO Annual Affiliate Conference:** MRCF placed in second for the Affiliate of the Year in the Benefactors Team and received a \$500 unrestricted grant. Vogt made a motion to apply the grant funds towards the administrative costs provided by MRPC, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed.

**MRCF Goals and Action Plan FY 2016 & Updates:** The board reviewed the current organizational goals from 2015 and agreed to table the New Year's goals for the next full board meeting in August (after the annual meeting).

Dent County: Brown mentioned that there are big things to happen in the Salem/Dent County community.

Maries County: Vogt shared with the group that Maries County R2 Schools Foundation raised over \$20,000 from the Steak-Night fundraiser in April.

Phelps County: Parry shared news of a new FedEx building and distribution center to open soon in Rolla's industrial park in 2017 and a Menard's distribution center will open in Sullivan.

Pulaski County: Odle updated the board that the Little Heros Playground project has raised over half of the \$600,000 project goal (almost \$400,000 to date). There is still a need to raise the additional funds to complete the project. The City of Waynesville is planning to build a spec building to attract new companies into the area. In addition, Michelle Obama and other key officials are visiting Fort Leonard Wood.

**Comments for the Good of the Order:** MRCF Annual Meeting – July 27h at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, Nelson made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 10:40 a.m., seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.