

Meramec Regional Community Foundation

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2014

9:32 a.m.

Members Present: Laura Antolak (MRPC At-Large), Gary Brown (MRPC At-Large), Vicki Nelson (Maries), Wayne Parry (Phelps), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), John Robinson, III (Washington).

Members Absent: Mike Condray (Dent), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade), Mardy Leathers (Crawford), Donald Claycomb (Osage), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft, Shannon Coatney

Guests Present: None

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Parry called the MRCF meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of Minutes:

Minutes from the November 6, 2013 meeting were presented to the board. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brown seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Introduction of New MRPC At-Large Board Appointment: The board and staff welcomed Steve Vogt to the board. Vogt shared with the group his background and various roles in his community. He is currently the mayor of Belle and retired teacher.

MRCF 2013 Grant Reports Update: Bancroft shared with the board updates on the last report needed from the Maries R2 School Foundation. The organization submitted their annual report to close out the grant round for 2013. All other reports were previously received by the other grant recipients.

MRCF 2014 Grant Applications: Bancroft began discussion by providing each board member copies of each application received for the regional grant from this year. The board reviewed and discussed 14 applications received representing six of eight counties in the region. The counties represented were Crawford, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington County. Brown offered to donate \$95 to the fund in order to select six recipients awarding each one \$250 for each recipient. The following recipients were selected with each to receive \$250:

1. Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County
2. The Community Partnership
3. Sullivan High School SADD
4. Faith Evangelic Lutheran Church
5. Maries R2 PTO/Archery Program
6. Caledonia Community Betterment Youth Organization

Antolak made a motion to approve the six applications for this year's grant round, seconded by Vogt. Antolak abstained from her vote on The Community Partnership application and Robinson abstained from his vote for the Caledonia Community Betterment Youth Organization application because of each person's role with those organizations. Antolak suggested setting a page limit for next year's grant round.

MRCF Fund Balance Report for December 31, 2013: Bancroft summarized the current portfolio fund report for MRCF through the end of 2013. There are a total of 30 funds totaling over \$582,000 as of the end of the year. The Rotary of Pulaski County recently set up a fund with MRCF. Antolak informed the group that CASA has established another fund with MRCF. The board will receive the MRPC administrative income statement report at the April meeting to summarize the quarterly financials for first quarter. Parry asked if we received any applications for the Phelps County Flood Relief fund. Bancroft informed the board that there are no applications submitted to date for fund. The board asked Bancroft to ask CFO what to do with the remaining funds available under the Pulaski County Flood Relief fund.

MRCF Goals and Action Plan for 2014:

Staff Updates: Bancroft reminded the board that the scholarship applications will be reviewed during the April board meeting for the Cavender and Cole-Mahan scholarship funds. Bancroft asked the board to review last year's goals and action items and prepare to have changes to review during the April board meeting.

Maries: The Maries R2 School Foundation is having a meeting on February 14th. Career day for the school district is set for the end of the month.

Dent: Brown informed the board that he will not be running for another term as mayor of Salem this year. Mike Condray resigned his position on the board due to health reasons. The board encouraged Brown to consider serving as the Dent County representative for MRCF.

Washington: No updates.

Phelps: CASA created an endowment fund with MRCF. Antolak informed that CASA received a CFO Coover grant for \$18,000 this year as well. Parry mentioned that the City of Rolla is serious to start the new animal shelter process. The City of Rolla agreed to use their Eck donation towards the feasibility study.

Adjournment

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2014 at 12 noon for Invite-A-Friend luncheon meeting.

Approved by the board _____, 2014

Wayne Parry, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer