

# MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

**Members Present:** Gary Brown (Dent), Vicki Lange (Osage), Wendy Young (Phelps), Randy Becht (Pulaski), Cindy Merx (Washington), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director).

**Members Absent:** Barb Schaller (Maries) and Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large).

**Staff Present:** Maria Bancroft

**Guests Present:** Jeanne and Richard Cavender

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Vicki Lange called the meeting to order and led the members with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 9:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from February 12, 2019 and March 12, 2019 board meetings. Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Prigge. Motion passed.

**Invite-A-Friend Luncheon Feedback:** Chairman Lange asked for feedback on this year's event. The board members present commented that the event was a good turn out and the opportunity to hear more about each grant recipient's project.

**MRCF 2019 Scholarships Review and Selections:** The board reviewed the applications received on the following 2019 scholarship funds:

1. Richard and Jeanne Cavender Scholarship Fund – 35 applications: The board, Jeanne Cavender and Richard Cavender reviewed and discussed the applications for the Cavender Scholarship. Barb Schaller provided her review and recommendations by email to Bancroft to share with the committee. There were two scholarships available to award \$750 for each recipient. After discussion from the group, Brown made a motion to select Maria Kloeppel (Fatima High School) and Taelor Mercer (Sullivan High School) to be this year's recipients. Rosalia Meusch was selected as an alternate. The motion was seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.
2. Cole-Mahan Scholarship Fund - 1 application: The board reviewed and discussed the application for the Cole-Mahan Scholarship for \$500. Barb Schaller provided her review and recommendations by email to Bancroft to share with the board. Zikia Woods (Waynesville High School) was the only applicant and did not meet the ACT score criteria for the scholarship. Prigge made a motion to select Woods contingent upon the donor's approval and if not approved, the funds would be not used this year. The motion was seconded by Young. Motion passed. Note: Following the meeting, Bancroft

contacted the donor, Virgie Cole-Mahan, and she approved the board's scholarship recipient even with the lower ACT score.

3. **Claude and Irene Morgan Scholarship Fund** – 5 applications: The board reviewed the applications received for the Morgan Scholarship for \$500. Barb Schaller provided her review and recommendations by email to Bancroft to share with the board. After the board's discussion, Vogt made a motion to select Sojeong Lee (Waynesville High School) as this year's recipient and Savannah Crocket as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Young. Motion passed.

After the scholarship reviews, Bancroft informed the board that she will coordinate the presentations with each school's award programs, Jeanne and Richard Cavender, and Randy Becht in the next few days. Confirmation and logistics will be emailed to them very soon.

**Board Vacancies Update:** Discussion on potential candidates to fill current board vacancies in Crawford and Gasconade County. There were no updates on possible nominations for the current vacancies including the recent MRPC At-Large seat.

**MRCF Fund Balance Report:** Bancroft presented the current fund balance report as of February 28, 2019 as follows:

- ❖ Current total number of funds: 54
- ❖ Current total portfolio balance: \$2,778,072.63
- ❖ Total number of new funds in FY 2018-19: 2
  - Schierloh Family Fund for Maries County R-II Schools
  - Schierloh Family Fund for State Technical College of Missouri

**Affiliate of the Year Update:** Bancroft requested the board members to share updates for MRCF activities completed this year. There were no updates to report at the meeting.

**MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates:** Chairman Lange asked for community updates and goals progress to date from the group.

**Closing Remarks & Adjournment:** Being no further business, Prigge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:50 a.m., seconded by Becht. Motion passed.

1. **SAVE THE DATE: CFO Affiliate Appreciation Conference** – Friday, November 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Darr Agricultural Center – Christopher S. Bond Learning Center, 2401 S. Kansas Expressway, Springfield, MO 65803. For event information, go to: <http://cfozarks.org/affiliateconference/>.
2. **Next MRCF board meeting** - May 8, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m., MRPC large conference room  
The board will review and select applications for the Rural Ozarks Health Initiative grant program. More information will be provided very soon.

**Approved by the board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019**

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**Vicki Lange, Chair**

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**Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer**