

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MEETING MINUES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Members Present: Gary Brown (Dent), Barb Schaller (Maries), Vicki Lange (Osage), Randy Becht (Pulaski), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Members Absent: Wendy Young (Phelps), Cindy Merx (Washington), and Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large)

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft, Foundation Coordinator

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Lange called the meeting to order and led the board with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 9:34 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from June 11, 2019 and August 29, 2019 annual board meeting. Schaller made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2019, seconded by Becht. Motion passed. Prigge made a motion to approve the minutes from August 29, 2019, seconded by Schaller. Motion passed.

New Board Appointments and Reappointments: There were two board nominations submitted to fill one vacancy for MRPC At-Large and one seat to replace Joanne Zap's MRCF At-Large position. Ray Walden was nominated by the MRPC board and Greg Harris was nominated by Joanne Zap. Vogt made a motion to approve the two nominees submitted as presented, seconded by Brown. Motion passed. In addition, there were three board members whose terms ended on June 30, 2019; Wendy Young, Cindy Merx and Steve Vogt. Becht made a motion to reappoint the three board members for another term, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

MRCF Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Review: Bancroft presented a PowerPoint highlighting MRCF's accomplishments for last fiscal year including scholarships, new board appointments, and community grant-making fund recipients.

MRCF Community Grantmaking Fund Progress Reports & New Grant Cycle: Bancroft shared with the board progress reports from each grantee for 2019. The final progress report will be due on March 15, 2020. As for grant round 2020, the grant will open on October 31, 2019 and end through January 31, 2020 at 5 p.m., CST. There is a new application process provided by Community Foundation of the Ozarks that will be very similar to the ROHI grant process. Bancroft will send the grant announcement to past applicants and to the region's school districts. Staff will also prepare a press release to distribute to the region's media providers. Bancroft requested each board member to share the grant announcement in their communities. The distribution funds available are \$1,414. In order to award six-\$250 grants, the fund needs an additional \$86 dollars to cover the difference. Prigge volunteered to make a one-time donation for \$86 towards the distribution funds to cover the shortfall for next year.

MRCF Fund Balance Report: Bancroft presented the current fund balance report for the period ended on September 30, 2019. Prigge asked if the recent \$1,100 gift made for the David R.

Sassmann Memorial Scholarship fund was included in the fund balance report. Bancroft said she will contact CFO for clarification on the gift in reference.

MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates: Chairman Lange requested the board members present to share community updates and goals progress. The following updates were provided for the following counties:

1. Dent County: Brown has the information he requested to share within Salem and various groups.
2. Maries County: Prigge shared that a new scholarship was established for the Maries R2 Schools Foundation by Carolyn Holt. The funds were donated directly to the school. The fund will not be endowed for future fund growth. There is approximately \$10,000 available and will award one-\$1,000 scholarship each year for the next 10 years or until it is fully disbursed. Prigge mentioned she plans to visit with the donor in the near future.
3. Pulaski County: Becht met with several groups in the county to share information on MRCF. He has not been able to acquire pictures from the scholarship awards last spring. He mentioned that he is on the board for Rotary Club of Pulaski County and Pulaski County Route 66 Preservation.
4. Schaller mentioned the Belle Community Betterment has a new welcome to Belle sign that positioned on Highway 28 toward Rolla. The Ya Ya's of Belle held a rodeo event that brought in a lot of interest and visitors in the community.
5. Vogt asked about reaching out to Mr. Dockery from Oklahoma who was a former teacher in Belle. Prigge mentioned that Bruce Sassmann would like an opportunity to visit with him first to initiate conversation about local foundation.
6. Bancroft will schedule a visit in December with Jared Niederer from Owensville as a possible Gasconade County board member for MRCF.

Affiliate of the Year Progress Report: This year's Affiliate of the Year round ended on October 1, 2019. Bancroft reminded the board to let staff know if they met with any of their county's superintendents to report to CFO for this year's competition. The conference this year is on November 8, 2019.

Closing Remarks & Adjournment: Being no further business, Becht made a motion at approximately 10:25 a.m., seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. 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. The board meeting scheduled for November 12, 2019 is cancelled. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Approved by the board on _____, 2019

Vicki Lange, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer