

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2019

Members Present: Gary Brown (Dent), Barb Schaller (Maries), Vicki Lange (Osage), Wendy Young (Phelps), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director).

Members Absent: Randy Becht (Pulaski), Cindy Merx (Washington), Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large), and Don Brackhahn (MRPC At-Large).

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Lange called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m. and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from December 11, 2018 and January 8, 2019. Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings as presented, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

Board Vacancies: Bancroft shared the current board vacancies. There is one for Crawford County to replace Catie Ringeisen and one vacancy in Gasconade County to replace Bobbie Berger. The board offered the following suggestions: Jared Niederer (Gasconade County), John Kamler (Gasconade), Amy Mitchell (Crawford), and Laura Hengstenberg (Crawford). Bancroft will contact the elected officials in each county and the cities within those counties to seek out other suggestions.

MRCF Community Grant Making Fund: The board reviewed and discussed 18 applications submitted for this year's community grant-making fund requesting \$4,414.21 representing each county except Gasconade County. There is \$1,500 available to award in grants.

The following applications were recommended by the board for this year's grant recipients. Brown made a motion to approve the selected applications, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed. The grant awardees will be honored at the March board meeting during the Invite-A-Friend luncheon.

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| 1. Richwoods R-VII School District | 4. Meramec Community Enhancement |
| 2. Belle Elementary School | 5. Bourbon Boosters |
| 3. Osage R-1 School | 6. Ozark Actors Theatre |

MRCF Fund Balance Report: Bancroft presented the current fund balance report as of January 31, 2019.

Year-End total number of funds: 54

Year-End portfolio balance: \$2,656,648.74

Total number of new funds in 2018: 2 new funds totaling \$1,409,680

1. Schierloh Family Fund for Maries County R-II Schools, \$809,680
2. Schierloh Family Fund for State Technical College of Missouri, \$600,000

MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates: Chairman Lange asked each person for community updates. Vogt shared details for Maries R-2 Schools Foundation annual fundraiser. It will be on March 16th at the Belle Community Center. Food will be buffet-style with a live auction. The 8th grade Washington trip fundraiser is on April 6th at the Vienna Eagles Lodge. Prigge/Lange mentioned details regarding Linn School District desire to form a school foundation. There were no other updates on goals or county events mentioned.

Closing Remarks & Adjournment: Being no further business, Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:52 a.m., seconded by Vogt. Motion passed

**Invite a Friend Luncheon*, please RSVP by no later than Thursday, March 7th, 2019, Lunch price per person is \$12. Cash or check payment (made to MRPC) can be made on the day of the meeting.

Approved by the board on _____, 2019

Vicki Lange, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer