

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

INVITE-A-FRIEND LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Members Present: Don Brackhahn (MRPC At-Large), Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large), Vicki Lange (Osage), Gary Brown (Dent), Wendy Young (Phelps), Barb Schaller (Maries), Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director), Cindy Merx (Washington), and Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large)

Members Absent: Randy Becht (Pulaski)

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft, Foundation Coordinator, and Caitlin Jones, Communications Coordinator

Guests Present: Aaron Jeffers, Constance Smith, Lee Dothage, Brian Fogle, Carol Hofstetter, Becky Turner, Bethany Deal, Ron Simpson, Gary Hicks, Laura Light, and Alex Freeman

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Lange called the meeting to order and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests, Board and Staff: Chairman Lange welcomed guests and board members to the meeting. Each person introduced themselves and what organization they represent.

Lunch: After introductions, Chairman Lange led the group to a lunch buffet.

Keynote Speaker: Brian Fogle, President, Community Foundation of the Ozarks, talked with everyone about the 7 highly effective habits of boards and communities.

Presentation of MRCF 2019 Grant Awards: Chairman Lange presented checks to this year's six grant recipients. Osage R-1 School representatives were unable to attend the luncheon. Staff will schedule a day and time for check presentation and photo op. The following grantees received their check award:

1. Richwoods R-VII School District - \$250 to fund their after school snack program
2. Belle Elementary School - \$250 to fund the school's coat and shoes program
3. Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation - \$250 to fund Duke's fire department building kit project
4. Bourbon Boosters - \$250 to fund the city park ramp project
5. Ozark Actors Theatre - \$250 to fund their summer theatre academy program
6. (Not Present) Osage R-1 School - \$250 to fund the school's Pirate Tinkerlab project

Comments for the Good of the Order: Chairman Lange thanked guests for attending this year's luncheon. The next board meeting is on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. to review scholarship applications for the Cavender, Cole-Mahan, and Morgan scholarships.

Rural Ozarks Health Initiative Grant Agreement: MRCF was one of ten recipients selected to receive \$10,000 for this year's Rural Ozarks Health Initiative Grant by Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Lange requested the board's action to accept the grant award and sign the grant agreement in order to begin the grant application process. Brackhahn made a motion to approve the grant award and agreement as presented, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Being no further business, Vogt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:14 p.m., seconded by Brackhahn. Motion passed.

Approved by the board on _____, 2019

Vicki Lange, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer