**Meramec Regional Community Foundation**

**TELECONFERENCE meeting MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

**Members Present:** Ray Walden (MRPC At-Large), Gary Brown (Dent), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), Greg Harris (MRCF At-Large), Vicki Lange (Osage), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director

**Members Absent:** Wendy Young (Phelps), Randy Becht (Pulaski), Barb Schaller (Maries), Cindy Merx (Washington)

**Staff Present:** Maria Bancroft, Foundation Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Richard Cavender and Jeanne Cavender

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Lange called the board meeting to order at approximately 9:43 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from February 11, 2020 and March 12, 2020. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2020 as presented, seconded by Brown. Motion passed. Prigge made a motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2020 as presented, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

**Invite-A-Friend Luncheon Feedback:** Chairman Lange asked the board for feedback for the luncheon held on March 12, 2020. Comments were made by the group that the meeting was bad timing due to COVID-19 and the cause of a low turnout. In addition, the board needs to bring one guest per board member for next year’s event.

**MRCF 2020 Scholarships - Review and Selections:** *(\*\*Applications were sent via Hightail secured website individually for each scholarship)*

**1. Cavender Scholarship for Public Service**: The board reviewed 16 applications submitted to select two recipients for $750 per person. After discussion, J. Cavender made a motion to select Abram Weider (Vienna High School) and Klaire Tappel (Vienna High School) as this year’s recipients, seconded by Harris. Motion passed.

**2. Cole-Mahan Scholarship:** The board reviewed 7 applications submitted to select one recipient for $500. After discussion, Vogt made a motion to select Kathryn Blau (Waynesville High School) as this year’s recipient, seconded by Prigge. Motion passed. In addition, Walden made a motion to select Soyeong Lee as the alternate recipient, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

**5. Claude and Irene Morgan Scholarship:** The board reviewed one application submitted to select one recipient for $500. After discussion, Prigge made a motion to select Evan Nitchman as this year’s recipient, seconded by Harris. Motion passed. There was not an alternate recipient chosen since there was one application submitted.

**Board Vacancies Update:** Bancroft presented the board with a recommendation to select Jared Niederer to represent Gasconade County on the MRCF board. Prigge made a motion to approve Niederer’s appointment, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed. There is one new vacancy in Maries County due to Barb Schaller’s resignation. Board members are encouraged to provide suggestions for possible candidates.

**MRCF Fund Balance Report:** Bancroft presented the current fund balance report as of March 31, 2020.

* Current total number of funds: 50
* Current total portfolio balance: $2,641,973.16
* Total number of new funds in FY 2019-20: 0

**MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates:** Chairman Lange requested the board for community and goal updates.

* Harris encouraged the group to make a gift within their communities for those organizations that rely on donations especially with the pandemic. Furthermore, Harris asked that CFO provide insight on alternatives in the philanthropic market due to economic conditions.
* Prigge mentioned that the May board meeting will depend on the pending stay at home order. MRPC will probably do a soft opening and give individuals the option to join meetings by virtual conference.

**Closing Remarks & Adjournment:** Being no further business, Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:44 a.m., seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

**Next MRCF board meeting (Tentative) -** May 20, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m., MRPC large conference roomcontingent upon stay at home order and future conditions.

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

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**Vicki Lange, Chair**

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**Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer**