

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Members Present: Greg Harris (MRCF At-Large), Jared Niederer (Gasconade), Randy Becht (Pulaski), Vicki Lange (Osage), Debra Henderson (Maries), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (MRPC At-Large), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Members Absent: Wendy Young (Phelps) and Cindy Merx (Washington)

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft and Caitlin Jones

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 12:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Lange requested the board to review the provided minutes from the meeting on February 9, 2021. Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Becht. Motion passed.

New Board Appointments: Chairman Lange welcomed Debra Henderson to the group as nominee to serve Maries County on the board. Henderson introduced herself and shared her background. Prigge made a motion to appoint Debra Henderson to the board representing Maries County, seconded by Harris. Motion passed.

MRCF Coover Recovery Grant: Bancroft presented details on the new grant awarded to MRCF for COVID recovery efforts. The grant opened on March 5, 2021 and will close on April 1, 2021. The deadline to select and distribute grants is June 15, 2021. Past grantees and applicants will be notified of the grant round. Bancroft requested the board to share the grant with groups in each board member's respective community. Harris made a motion to accept the awarded grant and move forward with the grant round, seconded by Becht. Motion passed.

Give Ozarks: Bancroft indicated that there are four agency partners that are participating in this year's event on March 24, 2021: Ozark Actors Theatre, Rolla Nutrition Site, CASA of South Central Missouri, and Kaleidoscope Discovery Center. Prigge asked the board to share and like within social media to help promote our agency partners for this fundraising event.

Newburg Community Endowment Fund Update: Bancroft provided updates to the board regarding a visit with two members (Elizabeth TeGroen and Marie TeGroen) of the Newburg community and recommendations to improve the local park with the available grant funds. Nancy Allen is very knowledgeable with grant writing and has a connection in the community with the park board. The MRCF board will review an application for the proposed park

improvements in the next few months. Tentatively, the board will review applications during the May 11, 2021 meeting as well as applications for the MRCF Coover Recovery Grant fund.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Chairman Lange asked for the board for any community updates. Lange mentioned that the Tier 3 vaccinations will be available for utility companies. Bancroft shared with the group that The Mission in Rolla is in the process of opening a capacity fund for their organization.

a. *Next board meeting – April 13, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.*

Adjournment: Being no further business, Becht made a motion to adjourn at approximately 1:07 p.m., seconded by Harris. Motion passed.

Approved by the board on _____, 2021

Vicki Lange, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer