

**MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ON-SITE & VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Members Present by Zoom: Gary Brown (Dent), Jared Niederer (Gasconade), Deborah Henderson (Maries), Wendy Young (Phelps), Ray Walden (MRPC At-Large), and Greg Harris (MRCF At-Large)

Members Absent: Cindy Merx (Washington) and Randy Becht (Pulaski)

Members Present in Person: Vicki Lange (Osage), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft and Caitlin Jones

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Vicki Lange

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from December 14, 2021. Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

MRCF Community Grant Making Fund: The board reviewed and discussed the 22 applications requesting a total of \$10,905 and received for this year's community grant-making fund. There is \$1,500 available to award in grants this year (up to \$500 per award). After board discussion, Young made a motion to select the following 3 grant recipients for this year, seconded by Vogt; The Community Partnership, Christ Church Episcopal, and Council for Healthy Dent County. Each grantee will receive \$500. Bancroft mentioned that information on the luncheon will be sent soon and encouraged board members to bring a guest.

Cavender Scholarship for Lucas Morrison: Bancroft presented a request for approval to give permission for Lucas Morrison to use his remaining scholarship funds to a different school. The Cavender's are in support of his request. Vogt made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Harris. Motion passed.

MRCF Fund Balance Report: Bancroft presented the current fund balance report as of December 31, 2021:

Year-End total number of funds: 53

Year-End portfolio balance: \$4,034,803.86

Bancroft presented the current fund balance report as of January 31, 2022:

Year-End total number of funds: 53

Year-End portfolio balance: \$4,107,428.90

MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates: Chairman Lange asked the board for any community updates and goals progress. Harris gave an update on the Rock Island Trail property owned by Ameren and accepted by the State of Missouri. It will cost approximately \$69 million to build a larger part of the trail (from Buford to Eugene) which includes some of MRPC's region counties.

Closing Remarks & Adjournment: Chairman Vicki Lange

Invite-a-Friend Luncheon – March 1, 2022 @ 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Scholarships Committee Meeting *NEW DATE* – April 20, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

Approved by the board on _____, 2022

Vicki Lange, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer