**Meramec Regional Community Foundation**

**meeting minutes**

Wednesday, March 12, 2024

**Members Present:** Ashley Harris (Maries), Tony Hayden (Osage), Richard Cavender (MRCF At-Large), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large), and Jared Niederer (Gasconade County).

**Members Absent:** John Craig (Crawford) and Amy Pendleton (Phelps).

**Guests:** Jeanne Cavender, Erich Jett, Chuck Ray, Faith Barnes, Lorrie Hartley, Kim Day, and Kevin Greven

**Staff Present:** Caitlin Jones and Bobbie Bailey

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Jared Niederer called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the meeting minutes from February 20, 2024. Randy Becht made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tony Hayden. Motion passed.

**Community Foundation of the Ozarks:** Judy Cantoni, CFO East Regional Director, presented a power point on what CFO’s mission is, what a community foundation is, and how and why to become an affiliate foundation, as well as MRCF’s connection to CFO and its role as an affiliate.

**Introduction of Guest, Board** **and Staff**: Jared Niederer shared the intent of, and started the “Who we are?” and “What we do?” round table introductions. All attendees: board members, guests, and staff introduced themselves, discussed their community involvement and what causes they are most passionate about.

**Phelps County Community Foundation:** Lorri Hartley and Kim Day presented an informative power point sharing the formation, mission, and impact of PCCF. Specifically, they discussed the current enforcement project of purchasing a mobile security system.

**MRCF 2023 Community Grant Awards:** At the February meeting, the board reviewed the grant requests and selected two for funding. Those checks were presented at this meeting to the recipients. Chairman Jared Niederer presented a $750 grant to Erich Jett and Chuck Ray with Bourbon Economic Development Group (Economic Development) for computers for the tourism/welcome center. He then presented a second $750 grant to Faith Barnes with Hope Alliance of Missouri for their Friday Backpack program (Community Development).

**Closing Remarks & Adjournment:**

Scholarships Committee Meeting – April 24, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Being no further business, Randy Becht made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m., seconded by Steve Vogt. Motion passed.

**Approved by the board on , 2024.**

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**Chair or Vice Chair**

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**Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer**