

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Members Present: In person: Jared Niederer (Gasconade County), Richard Cavender (MRCF At-Large), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC At-Large). By Zoom: Ashley Harris (Maries), Tony Hayden (Osage), and Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large).

Members Absent: John Craig (Crawford), Amy Pendleton (Phelps), and Randy Becht (Pulaski).

Guests: Danielle Tuepker (by phone)

Staff Present: Bobbie Bailey

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Jared Niederer called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed the meeting minutes from March 12, 2024. Richard Cavender made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tony Hayden. Motion passed.

MRCF 2024 Scholarships – Review and Selections:

1. **Cavender Scholarship for Public Service:** Hayden made a motion to approve Ashley McGarrah for the \$1500 with Anja Binkhoelter as 1st alternate and Kenzie Kilpatrick as 2nd alternate. Motion approved.
2. **Cole-Mahan Scholarship:** There were no completed applications for this scholarship, and therefore not awarded.
3. **Claude and Irene Morgan Scholarship:** Hayden made a motion to approve Blaise Moynihan for the scholarship, Alivia Selbert as 1st alternate, and Keegan Henson as 2nd alternate. Motion approved.
4. **Koch-Lange Scholarship:** Hayden made a motion to approve Miranda Sanders for the scholarship with Emma White as first alternate and Natalie Gehlert as second alternate. Motion approved.

MRCF Fund Balance Report: Prigge reported that the total number of funds is 53 and the portfolio balance is \$4,412,583. Phelps County Community Foundation has been moved to their own affiliate and has been removed from MRCF's portfolio.

MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates: Community reports were given by members.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Route 66 update on 100-year celebration. Prigge will ask the former mayor of Waynesville to come to the next meeting and talk about Route 66 grant applications.

Closing Remarks & Adjournment: Next annual meeting will be July 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at MRPC.

Being no further business, Cavender made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:40 a.m., seconded by Hayden. Motion passed.

Approved by the board on 7/16, 2024.


Chair or Vice Chair


Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer