

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Members Present: Catie Ringeisen (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Doug Dunlap (Gasconade), Vicki Nelson (Maries), Vicki Lange (Osage), Cindy Merx (Washington), Joanne Zap (MRCF At-Large), Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC Executive Director)

Members Absent: Mark Riefer (Phelps), Marilyn Odle (Pulaski) and Don Brackhahn (MRPC At-Large)

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft

Guests Present: Alice Wingo, Vice-President of Regional Advancement, Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order and led the board members with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 9:42 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the December 7, 2016 board meeting. Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dunlap. Motion passed.

MRCF 2017 Grant Applications: The board reviewed and discussed the 17 applications submitted for this year's community grant-making fund requesting \$4,250 in total grant funds representing Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington County. The board discussed each application and selected the following applicants as grantees for this year:

1. Esther's House of Redemption
2. Salvation Army (Pulaski County)
3. Washington County Community Partnership
4. Owensville Chamber of Commerce
5. Bonebrake-McMurtrey Foundation, Ltd., d.b.a Bonebrake Center of Nature and History
6. Newburg Community Revitalization Program Group

Prigge made a motion to approve the six selected grant applicants for this year's community grant-making fund grantees, seconded by Vogt. Motion passed.

MRCF Fund Balance Report for December 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017: Bancroft distributed the current fund balance reports to the board. Bancroft indicated that there are four new funds recently established as a result of Give Ozarks 2017 for Washington County Community Partnership, Assistance Association for Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Phelps County

Humane Society New Rolla Animal Shelter, and Osage Arts Community, Inc. Those funds will be listed in the upcoming fund balance reports over the next month or so.

MRCF Goals and Action Plan FY 2016-17: Chairperson Nelson asked for each board member to share community updates:

1. Maries County: Maries R2 Schools Foundation will have its annual steak night fundraiser at the Vienna Eagles Lodge on March 11, 2017. The Rails for Trails continues to make progress in the community. The Leffler Estate included Maries R2 Schools in the family's will which will help the school district with new resources.
2. Washington: There is a sweetheart stroll event this week in the community. There is a French history event in April 2017 that will draw people to the area. There seems to be a lot of fundraisers to assist individuals with cancer in the community.
3. Osage: No updates.
4. Gasconade County: The summer eclipse on August 21, 2017 will bring in a lot of visitors and create a lot of events for the area during that weekend. People can learn more about this at www.greatamericaneclipse.com.
5. Phelps County: The new Rolla Animal Shelter total project costs were reduced to \$1.5 million. There is more outreach and marketing on this project bringing in corporate and private donations in support of this cause.
6. Crawford County: No updates.
7. Dent County: The Dent County Community Foundation is raising funds for a new canine for the police department and the annual fireworks display that costs about \$25,000. The GRO Salem Community project is a result from a grant award from CFO for the next three years.

Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. *Next board meeting/Invite-A-Friend MRCF Luncheon – **DATE CHANGED: March 7, 2017** at 12 noon at MRPC. Board members must RSVP by no later than March 1, 2017. Lunch price per person is \$12. Cash or check (Made out to MRPC) payment can be made on the day of the luncheon meeting.*
- b. *Give Ozarks 2017 Training – March 27, 2017 at 10 a.m. to 12 noon at MRPC. Give Ozarks is on May 9, 2017.*

Adjournment: Being no further business, Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:05 a.m., seconded by Zapp. Motion passed.

Approved by the board on _____, 2017

Vicki Nelson, Chair

Attested by Secretary or other MRCF officer

CFO/MRCF Board Orientation – 11 a.m.to 11:45 a.m.

Following the MRCF board meeting, Alice Wingo, Vice-President of Regional Advancement Community Foundation of the Ozarks, presented an overview of CFO and MRCF to new board members. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the presentation.