

Meeting Minutes of the  
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF)  
July 9, 2019, 4:00pm  
Poplar Bluff School District Superintendent's Office  
Poplar Bluff, MO

PRESENT

Marie Obourn, Reverend Annette Joseph, Russell French, Rebeca Pacheco, Ed Thompson, Jan Brown, Sr. Anne Francioni by phone, Staff – Crystal Jones, Guest - Judy Cantoni, CFO

ABSENT

Greg Kirk, Scott Preslar, Felicity Ray, Susan Skaggs, Dr. Scott Dill

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Russell French at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from May 7, 2019 were reviewed. Marie Obourn made a motion to approve the minutes, Rev. Annette Joseph seconded, all approved.

FUND BALANCES

Crystal Jones reported the market value of the OFRCF funds as of 7/02/2019 as \$1,467,947.67.

CENTER FOR DISASTER PHILANTHROPY GRANTS UPDATE

Crystal updated the board on the status of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy grant to OFRCF for one outreach and one counselor position for the Doniphan School District. There is \$47,850.32 remaining out of \$94,385 in grant funds.

Crystal also updated the board on the status of the Carter County Flood Recovery Coordinator project. There is \$12,628.95 remaining out of \$49,717.80. Marie Obourn made a motion to approve the expenditure of these grant funds to date; Ted Thompson seconded. All approved.

REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY OVERVIEW

As the regional housing study is now complete, Crystal provided the board with an overview of the study's findings as provided by Steve Etcher with MarksNelson. Notable findings include the high percentage of renters versus home owners in Doniphan, Piedmont, and Ellington even though the majority of the population in those communities have incomes that support homeownership. Mr. Etcher also discussed the need for maintenance free senior housing options to aid in healthy housing churn in the region, and the cost burden for residents seeking safe and affordable housing options. The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission staff will utilize the findings and recommendations provided by MarksNelson to leverage disaster dollars from the State of Missouri's Community Development Block Grant program in the coming months.

**ACTION:** Russell French asked Crystal to forward the presentation provide by MarksNelson to the board for review.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION OPPORTUNITY

Crystal Jones informed the board that Dr. James Preston, faculty at MU, reached out to offer his time to educate the board and the community on topics related to philanthropy when he is in the area on August 29, 2019. Crystal shared possible education topics as provided by Dr. Preston. The board selected the topic of charitable giving since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Jan Brown offered to host the event at the Black River Art Gallery.

**ACTION:** Crystal will coordinate this education with Dr. Preston and invite all board members and fundholders.

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

At the May meeting, Judy Cantoni recommended that the board consider establishing a scholarship fund committee for those scholarship funds that would prefer a local decision versus a CFO committee decision. Crystal contacted Maria Bancroft from Meramec to learn how their committees are established. Maria provided that information, but Crystal neglected to bring the information to the meeting. Crystal requested that the board table this discussion until the September meeting. Maria Obourn made a motion to table the discussion; Jan Brown seconded. All approved.

**ACTION:** Crystal will print out information provided by Maria prior to the next board meeting and share with the board in September.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Crystal provided all board members in attendance with confidentiality agreements for review and signature. The signed copies will be housed at the OFRCF offices.

Crystal reminded the board about the Affiliate Appreciation Conference scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>. Judy Cantoni said registration isn't open, yet, but should be open soon.

Crystal informed the board that member Scott Preslar verbally expressed his desire to resign from the board citing a time commitment issue. Crystal will reach out to Scott to get his resignation in writing. At the next board meeting, it was suggested that board membership be placed on the agenda so that the board can determine which positions need to be filled.

Next meeting set for September 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Poplar Bluff School District Superintendent's Office in Poplar Bluff, MO.

ADJOURN

Rebecca Pacheco made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marie Obourn seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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Russell French, Chairman

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Date Approved

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Sr. Anne Francioni, Secretary

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Date Approved