

Meeting Minutes of the  
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF)  
April 12, 2022, 4:00pm  
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission/Virtual

PRESENT

Russell French, Crystal Jones, Felicity Ray, Susan Skaggs, Ted Thompson, Judy Cantoni – CFO, Lydia Keller – OFRPC

ABSENT

Dr. Scott Dill, Rebeca Pacheco, Dr. Jim Jones, Marie Obourn

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Russell French at 4:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from February 8, 2022, were reviewed. Susan Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes, Crystal Jones, seconded, all approved.

FUND BALANCES

Lydia Keller reported the market value of the OFRCF funds as of 04/12/2022 as \$2,120,777.64. This is an increase from the previous meeting.

GRANT MAKING BUDGET

Lydia reminded the board of the FY 2023 grant application will be live on July 1, 2022 and will close on July 29, 2022. This application will award 2-4 grant awards totaling \$2,000 to local nonprofits who service senior care, childcare, animal welfare, or homelessness. The minimum request is \$500, and the maximum request amount is \$1,000. A press release will be made and the application will be available online through the CFO grant site.

**Action: Lydia will work with CFO to have a press release made and to have this grant application live on the website starting on 07/01/2022 and closing on 07/29/2022.**

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Reynolds County and Wayne County representative positions are still vacant. Potential candidates to fill these positions on the board were discussed. Crystal has not heard any response on her recommendation for Reynolds County. Dr. Jones has recommended Ronnie Lawrence for the Wayne County representative and hopes to bring him to the next meeting. Ted told the board he would like to renew for another 3-year term as the Ripley County representative member. Crystal made a motion to renew Ted for another 3-year term as the Ripley County representative, Susan seconded, all approved.

**Action: Crystal will report any developments to the Board on candidates to fill the Reynolds County representative position. Ronnie Lawrence will visit the upcoming board meeting to determine his interest in joining as Wayne County representative.**

CFO UPDATE

Affiliate Appreciation Conference will be held on April 25, 2022, in Springfield, MO. Registration is open now. This will be an in-person conference. Lydia will be attending this conference. Between now and June CFO will be sending out new grant making budgets. In May/June the CFO system will be down as the organization switches from FIMS to CSUITES which is affiliated with Foundate. This change will be completed prior to July 1, 2022. As the world is entering into a sort of post-COVID stage, Judy would expect fees to increase as the interest rates begin rising. A large new focus for grants is becoming mental health and specifically mental health for the youth population. There has been numerous new funds established and gifting has increased recently within CFO. Judy updated the board that Naylor has submitted for 501c3 status and their focus areas have been identified as the senior center, park, and education. The Naylor Fund donor is ready to do another donation very soon. Judy informed Crystal that CFO has drafted grant making documents for municipalities in reference to the ARPA nonprofit funds that are potentially available starting July 1.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Crystal reported that the Ripley Chamber Fund plans to hold a grant round. Lydia shared information with the Chamber and during their next meeting later this week they will discuss how they would like to move forward. Crystal also shared the City of Poplar Bluff Museum and the Margaret Harwell Art Museum are hosting meetings with Judy, Lydia, and herself to discuss the opportunities CFO may offer to their organizations.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

Susan Skaggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ted Thompson seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

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Russell French, Chairman

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Date Approved

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Dr. Scott Dill, Secretary

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Date Approved