

Meeting Minutes of the
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF)
May 7, 2019, 4:00pm
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission
Poplar Bluff, MO

PRESENT

Marie Obourn, Reverend Annette Joseph, Russell French, Rebeca Pacheco, Felicity Ray, Dr. Scott Dill, Ed Thompson, Susan Skaggs, Jan Brown, Staff – Crystal Jones, Guest - Judy Cantoni, CFO

ABSENT

Greg Kirk, Scott Preslar, Sr. Anne Francioni

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Russell French at 4:03 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Russell French introduced Ed Thompson to the board. Ed is interested in joining the board representing Ripley County. Dr. Scott Dill made a motion to approve adding Ed Thompson to the board of directors, Marie Obourn seconded. All approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from March 5, 2019 were reviewed. Dr. Dill made a motion to approve the minutes, Marie Obourn seconded, all approved.

FUND BALANCES

Crystal Jones reported the assets of the OFRCF as of 5/02/2019 as \$1,530,281.97. Crystal informed the board that the fund balances are pulled online now versus being provided at the end of each month by Judy Cantoni. Judy confirmed they have changed their process so that near real-time balance information is available.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Crystal updated the board on a new scholarship fund. The Aloyce Barnhill Scholarship Fund has been established and will be fully funded by the donor's estate upon her passing. This fund will benefit all potential students in the 5-county region who are pursuing any type of higher education, whether it be technical training or traditional college study.

Crystal also updated the board on the communication received from another potential donor in Ripley County. The donor amended the CFO's fund documents to remove some language regarding the use of funds should the original intent of the funds not be able to be fulfilled. The language the donors wanted to remove could not be removed by law. Crystal informed them of that restriction and has not heard back. Scott suggested that Crystal invite the donors to the next board meeting. Perhaps upon meeting the board, they will feel comfortable continuing to establish their fund.

ACTION: Crystal will invite the Ripley County donors to the next OFRCF board meeting.

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 \$58,755.43 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 \$35,135.41 remaining out of \$49,717.80.

REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY UPDATE

Crystal Jones updated the board on the regional housing study. Steve Etcher with MarksNelson has completed a draft of the study. Mr. Etcher will also attend the June 13th OFRPC commission meeting to present the study and findings. Felicity invited all to attend. Crystal will email the draft study out to all board members for review.

RURAL OPPORTUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES (ROHI) GRANT

Crystal Jones informed the board that the application to the ROHI program was awarded. This award will enable the OFRCF to grant out up to \$10,000 to health-related programs and projects. Crystal presented the board with a draft application and RFP for distribution. Some discussion was held regarding the requirement of a cash match. Dr. Dill recommended 1:1 cash match as a requirement. Crystal is working with CFO to get the application online so that potential applicants can use CFO's grant portal, Foundant, to submit their application. Applications will be accepted for a minimum of 30 days, with a submission date of May 1, 2019. Projects are to be completed by December 1, 2019. Felicity Ray made a motion to proceed with the online grant application setup and require the 1:1 cash match; Marie Obourn seconded. Motion carried.

ACTION: Crystal will work with CFO to create access to the online application portal for potential applicants prior to the application cycle opening on April 1, 2019.

UPDATES FROM JUDY CANTONI - CFO

Judy discussed some changes to the Affiliate of the Year application process. Starting this year, CFO will be tracking affiliate points. CFO is also asking for affiliate volunteers to serve on the Affiliate Conference planning committee. Anyone interested can reach out to Judy. CFO is requesting all affiliate board members sign a confidentiality statement.

ACTION: Crystal will print out CFO's confidentiality statements for signatures for the next board meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Next meeting set for May 7, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Poplar Bluff School District Superintendent's Office in Poplar Bluff, MO.

ADJOURN

Sis. Anne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Dill seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Russell French, Chairman

Date Approved

Sr. Anne Francioni, Secretary

Date Approved