

Meeting Minutes of
the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF)
April 11, 2023, 4:00pm
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, Poplar Bluff, MO

PRESENT

Russell French, Susan Skaggs, Rebeca Pacheco, Alan Lutes, Judy Cantoni – CFO (Phone), Lydia Keller – OFRPC, Sr. Anne Francioni – Whole Kids Outreach

ABSENT

Dr. Scott Dill, Dr. Jim Jones, Felicity Ray, & Marie Obourn

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 February 14, 2023, were reviewed. Susan S. made a motion to approve the minutes; Rebeca P., seconded, all approved.

FUND BALANCES

Lydia K. reported the market value of the OFRCF funds as of 04/10/2023 as \$2,202,579.86 with a financial report outlining the market and transactional changes. There is a decrease from the previous meeting. This reflects the Van Buren R-1 School Disaster Recovery Fund of \$10,243.76, closing and transferring to the East Kansas Community Foundation on 2/10/2023. Lydia K. explained the situation of the fund; the donor established the fund to assist the school after the 2017 flood. The funds were not used, and donor planned to make changes to the designated fund to establish a new funding goal with Community Foundation of the Ozarks, however, she relocated to Kansas and with the help of her accountants, requested the funds be moved local to her. Lydia K. reported the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation Capacity Building Fund is \$13,670.99. The FY24 grantmaking budget should be calculated soon. Lydia K. mentioned links that can allow donors to directly donate to a fund. Rebeca P. requested a link for the Friends of Carter County Courthouse and Sr. Anne requested a link for WKO.

Lydia K. will add grantmaking to the June Board meeting agenda. Lydia K. will email a link to Rebeca P. and Sr. Anne for their respective funds.

FUNDHOLDER UPDATES

Lydia K. informed the OFRCF Board the Naylor Community Fund, Inc. Board has secured \$10,000 in donations to meet the \$100,000 endowment challenge! The NCF, Inc. Board has drafted grant guidelines and plans to release applications May 1- 15 and award grants by June 30, 2023. The anonymous donor has already pledged to endow an additional \$100,000 if they raise another \$10,000!

Lydia K. will continue providing support to NCF Board.

Ripley Butler Clay Fund is hosting its Grants for the Arts grant cycle. Lydia K. has a copy of the application, for more information contact Rachel Tripp with CFO. This opportunity is available for Ripley

and Butler residents. Applications close on May 31st and must be emailed to Rachel Tripp. The grant request can be up to \$2,500.

Sr. Anne Francioni with Whole Kids Outreach is the April Board meeting guest speaker. Sr. Anne presented a video and slideshow explaining the services WKO provides to the community and the impact WKO has made on families in our neighborhoods across 11 counties. WKO offers three home visit programs, a five weeklong day camp, and an annual Christmas Store. Sr. Anne invited the Board to attend its Spring Gala on April 28th at the Westwood Country Club.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Lydia K. reminded the Board that all current board members' terms are expiring this year. Letters have been distributed to each member in February 2023. Board members will need to tell Lydia prior to the end of their term month if they would like to renew their term or offer a potential replacement. Felicity R. and Dr. Jones have already confirmed their interest in renewing. Susan S. and Rebeca P. said they are also interested in renewing.

Reynolds, Ripley, and Wayne County Representatives positions are still available. Mrs. Ronda Polk is still interested in potentially joining the Board as the Wayne County Representative. Ronda shared a contact Alderwoman Frances McIntosh for Reynolds County Representative; Lydia K. has called once and will try again.

All board members will decide their term status and continue to search for candidates to fill vacant positions.

MARKETING

Lydia K. provided InstaPrint quotes for the brochure and envelopes for OFRCF. Lydia K. suggested the A-6 envelopes for funeral home donations, #9 for mailing, and the brochures. Lydia K. asked what color for the logo. Judy is checking with the legal department to see if green is allowed, if not the logo will be blue. Dr. Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of the materials, Alan L. seconded.

Lydia K. will order printed materials.

CFO UPDATES

Judy C. reminded the Board CFO's Affiliate Appreciation Conference is April 25, 2023, in conjunction with Philanthropy of Missouri. There will be a pre-conference reception Monday night, April 25, 2023, at Oasis Hotel probably starting at 6:30 or 7:00 PM. Holly and Shirley with Rural Schools Partnership will be in the area April 19, 2023. They will be visiting prospective schools and agency partners in the region, one on one. Judy has been working with Lanny C. to potentially establish a new fund in honor of his late son. This fund, if established, would focus on scholarships and sports for PB Schools. The CFO website will be updated soon. There will be improvements to the online donation feature and updates to the affiliate pages. If OFRCF wants anything added to their website page, email Judy C. Judy thanked the Board for their efforts in completing the Daffodils Across the Ozarks project! The signs were distributed, and the daffodils have bloomed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Lydia K. offered a last call to the Board to attend the Conference in April. Lydia K. and Russell F. will be attending.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2022, at 4:00 pm at Ripley County Community Partnership in Doniphan, MO. The Board chose to invite Naylor Community Fund, Inc. to the next meeting as the guest speaker.

Rebeca P. made a motion to adjourn; Alan L. seconded, all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

Russell French, Chairman

Date Approved

Dr. Scott Dill, Secretary

Date Approved