

Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF)
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Monthly Board Meeting May 8, 2017
City Office, Roundup, MT

Board members present: Linda Picchioni, Darcy Dutton, Mike Morgan, Bill Milton, Nicole Borner, Berta Hagstrom, Kelly Gebhardt, and Jay Newell

Absent: Monty Sealey, Mark Rosebush

Guests: Sharon McLeod

The meeting was opened by Kelly Gebhardt at 6:02. There was no public comment.

McLeod spoke on Swimmer's Forever. A recent grant ap to SPCF was turned down. They have met with a building inspector, State electrical and plumbing inspectors. They are continuing fund raising at this point to pay for engineering plans and state permits. McLeod retired from the meeting.

There were no additions to the agenda.

A **motion** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Hagstrom; Dutton 2nd; motion carried.

Financial Report: The Annual Financial Report and regular Financial Report was reviewed. Additions to the Check Writer Report are for RIDE – Curt Scribner (Buttons & Bows Rodeo) \$275.00; American Express for windbreak for the stage in the amount of \$386.40. \$500.00 needs to be transferred from A & C to MVCF to pay for Missoula Children's Theatre. Borner **moved** to transfer the funds, Dutton 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Milton **moved** to accept the Treasurers report and pay the bills, Dutton 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Newell informed us of recent poor endowment performance and gave a letter from MCF President on the reasons for the recent loss. The board voiced concerns and would like more information from MCF including visual graph on performance for the last 10 years on our funds. Newell will ask MCF for the info. We do have the option of having another endowment with a different organization such as Central Montana Community Foundation or Billings Community Foundation. The endowment statement from MCF for 2016 was only recently received and we are filing an extension on our 990 to be sure we have all the correct information.

Grants Committee: Dutton presented two grant applications. One is for 4-H by the Musselshell & Golden Valley Extension for animal learning kits. The amount is \$1,128.00. The previous kits have been very helpful to their program. A second application is to complete a study on Spiney Soft Shell Turtles in the Musselshell River. Rocky MT College is sponsoring the project that is establishing a base level of mercury and lead in the turtles in the Musselshell River. The complete study is \$18,000.00 and they are asking \$3,500.00. This will utilize a grad student, Roundup high school student and supplies.

The grant committee recommended to fund both requests. Newell made a **motion** to fund both applications. Borner 2nd the motion. Milton recused himself from voting. Those voting in favor were: Hagstrom, Newell, Borner, Morgan, Dutton and Picchioni. None opposed. Motion carried.

Membership committee: Newell and Picchioni have the documents ready to be mailed out for the annual meeting. The positions currently held by Hagstrom, Morgan and Picchioni are up for election. Hagstrom reported that the YellowstoneGives crowd funding on May 4 raised \$1,375.37, of which \$50 is designated for the administrative fund for the coordinator. Six hundred was donated by board members. Discussion was held on need to get the information out better and do we want this to be our community fundraising opportunity. We all agreed we need to approach this more proactively through workshops, understanding the crowd funding, utilizing social media contacts and personally asking. Morgan suggested that at the Stage concert the end of July we promote MVCF and the upcoming Billings Symphony Woodwind Concert on Aug 12. Someone needs to get up and speak about memberships being \$20.00 and all the good things MVCF has done in the community.

Picchioni remembered that we need to purchase stamps for the annual meeting mailing. Dutton moved to amend the check writer report to include the purchase of 150 stamps for the annual meeting mail out. Borner 2nd the motion, Motion carried. These will be purchased on MVCF cc.

Picchioni brought up about moving our display out of the Arena building due to the roof leaking and horrible conditions. Discussion was held on where to place the display. Some ideas were proposed that would utilize the high school art class painting windows and promote RIDE, Riverwalk, the Stage, MVCF ect. Borner will talk to the owner of the building we have in mind. Also, ask them if they would consider being members of MVCF. Hagstrom will update the website.

RIDE: Everything is set for RIDE. They are looking for alternate route for the Walk,Run,RIDE. Borner has some ideas and will contact Jay soon. They can always use volunteers during any of the events.

A & C: Shakespeare in the Parks is set for July 12. The Missoula Children's Theatre is here this week, with performances on Saturday.

COMMUNITY STAGE: Dave Schrupf is fabricating hoists. They are purchasing a windbreak that says Roundup Stage. David Ball will be in concert on July 29th. Tickets are \$20 early purchase and \$25 at the gate. VFW and American Legion along with Monty and Mike are organizing and sponsoring this event. The Billings Symphony Woodwinds Quartet will perform on August 12th. That is a free concert sponsored by MVCF. Picchioni will find out if RCP will do the Ice Cream Social in conjunction with the performance. (Challenge: How much wind would a woodwind wind if a woodwind could woodwind!)

MCRT: Will have their annual meeting on May 17th.

RCP: Meeting this week. Milton asked board members their thoughts on the Central School Project. Homeward is wanting info on rental rates for residential and commercial in the area.

SEARCH & FIND: Two applications have been received. One from Hamilton and the other from the Midwest. They asked preference for time period by board for interviews. Suggestion between May 24th and June 3rd.

Work Plan: Looks good.

With no further business before the board, Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Picchioni - Secretary