

Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF)  
Monthly Board Meeting December 14, 2017  
Community Library, Roundup, MT

(This meeting was moved from Monday to Thursday to obtain a quorum of Board members in attendance. The regular format for the meeting was changed to accommodate important issues before the board and a conflict with a 7:00 pm meeting)

Board members present for the MVCF board meeting: Berta Hagstrom, Mark Rosebush, Linda Picchioni, Bill Milton, Monty Sealey, Nicole Borner and Darcy Dutton

Absent: Mike Morgan, Jay Newell, Kelly Gebhardt

The meeting was opened at 6:02 pm by Vice President Berta Hagstrom

Guests: Sharon McLeod

**Find & Search:** Last month several members of the board met with Jessica and Jen of the Montana Community Foundation in regards to the Local Community Foundation Capacity Program and the potential hire of a contracted employee by MVCF. MCF developed this program to help LCF's build organizational capacity and community leadership. Two years ago MCF graciously agreed to award MVCF \$10,000 to move forward in building our capacity. Since then MCF has implemented this pilot program for just such capacity building. We did not apply and they feel that in order for their award to achieve the best outcome, it was important for MVCF to be a part of the program. But we needed 100% board support. Tonight, the LCF Capacity Program was discussed by the board to decide whether we would commit to being a part of the three year program. It involves full participation by the board and committing to three ½ to ¾ day workshops in Roundup over the next 3 years. In between there will be 1 hour long online survey's to be completed by the board. 75% of the board must attend the workshops. In our case, that is 8 of 10 members. We choose the time that is convenient for us and plan for it 4-6 weeks out from the actual workshop. If necessary we can reschedule. But it is very important to commit, because the penalty is paying for the two facilitators to travel from western Montana and back. Borner made a motion that MVCF participate in the Capacity Building Program. Dutton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Milton will talk to Jessica at MCF to get the contract and we all need to sign it.

The second portion of this agenda item was the hiring of the Find and Search committee's recommendation of an independent contractor. The committee recommends Lisa Laliberte. She is a good fit for what we need. Laliberte is highly qualified in executive positions with large, complicated non-profit's primarily in Catholic charities in Nevada and Arizona. She understands planned giving. She moved here two years ago and lives in the community. Her hesitation is in being an independent contractor, e.g. what steps are necessary for acquiring a Montana license. We need to complete the \$5,000.00 match of MCF's \$10k award. Dutton moved that we enter into a contract services agreement with Lisa Laliberte. Rosebush 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Sealey said he would help answer her questions. Milton will talk to MCF about helping us develop a work plan for the contracted hire.

**RCP:** Borner and Milton updated the group on the Central School Project. Borner informed the group that Homeward has back out of ownership. The project hinges on Historic Tax Credit. Hafer has applied in hopes that even if the current Tax Reform withdraws funding, the project could possibly be grandfathered in. They are trying to set up a conference call with Daine's office to voice their concern of losing this program. But the entire project is moving in a private ownership direction. In other business before RCP, they are working on their organizational structure and Picchioni discussed the importance of volunteer hours and encouraged everyone to track their hours.

There were no additions to the agenda.

A **motion** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Borner; Dutton 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

Borner left the meeting at 6:50

**Swimmer's Forever:** Sharon McLeod reported that they are working with Snowy Mountain Development on a planning grant for 25k through Community Development Block Grant. The city or the county needs to be the sponsor of that grant and SF will be speaking to them. There are several steps involved and even though they are working primarily with Brian Johnson, CDBG will require published bids. They continue to fundraise. McLeod retired from the meeting.

The financial report and check writer report was presented. Discussion was held on the RRT bill for \$240.00. It is for the advertising of the independent contractor. We discussed that we need to place the donor list in the newsletter in the paper. It is important for out of town donors. Dutton **motioned** place the donor list in; Sealey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Milton moved that we accept the Treasurers report and pay the bills. Dutton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Grants Committee:** No report.

**Membership committee:** Discussion was held on whether combining the donors list was confusing to some. Some ideas were mentioned, but in the end we decided that a note at the end of the donor list in the paper saying that people can designate where they would like their donation to go and to please view our newsletter online at <http://www.musselshellvalleycommunityfoundation.com> We discussed possible new board members to bring on.

**RIDE:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a dance. Morgan is working on getting a headline country act. There will be fireworks. Lady Baltimore will perform on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**A & C:** Milton had no report. Picchioni asked if A&C is supportive of the PDM grant match for FEMA mitigation being submitted to FWP for extending the trail. Milton replied absolutely. The County Commissioners will be discussing this on Monday.

**COMMUNITY STAGE:** They are working on writing a grant for microphones, stands ect.

**MCRT:** no report

**Work Plan:** Conflict of Interest forms were re-signed by all present. Newell, when he returns, will review with us the calendar for the upcoming year. We need to place the capacity building items into the calendar. The budget committee needs to submit the annual administrative budget.

Checks were signed by Hagstrom and Picchioni and Hagstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:18.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Picchioni  
Secretary