



2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2020, 10:00 am – 11:30 am held remotely via Zoom

Welcome

Aretha Green-Rupert, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am, which was being held remotely via Zoom. She welcomed the membership and reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of December 9, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Dominic Papatola made a motion to approve the annual meeting minutes of December 9, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ben Cameron, and was passed unanimously by the membership.

State of the Council

Susie Brown, MCF President, reported on the state of the council, noting that MCF's focus over the last number of years has been to connect, strengthen and mobilize philanthropy. She reported that MCF members have had the opportunity to connect by providing networking and relationship building among peers, noting MCF has worked to provide a chance for those in the philanthropic community to collaborate for impact in the sector and the community at large. Susie reported that MCF updated the Principles for Philanthropy, which was led by a group of philanthropic peers and nonprofit partners. Susie reported that MCF built a relationship with the Minnesota Department of Health to support vaccine outreach in the communities that are vaccine hesitant, hard to reach, or impacted by health disparities.

Susie reported that MCF has strengthened itself over 2021 by providing programs and resources. She also reported that MCF is financially strong, having updated important systems including finance, operations and governance. She reported that MCF implemented new technology policies and have looked carefully at all costs and overhead, greatly reducing many of them. She reported that MCF is building a new website, and that the organization also updated its dues model based on membership feedback. Susie reported that MCF is engaged in important internal work in its commitment to being an anti-racist organization, and recently completed the Transforming Organizational Culture self-Assessment.

Susie announced that MCF's biggest area of potential is to mobilize for good. She noted that this is the work of the membership, without whom, mobilization is not possible. She reported that this is done to deliver unique impact throughout Minnesota, by mobilizing resources and MCF's collective voice in public policy. She reported that MCF successfully transitioned its 2021 census campaign to focus on redistricting, a tool essential to sustain healthy democracy. She reported that MCF mobilized resources to support Minnesota's newest community, the Afghan people, providing strategic private funds to support needs not addressed by state and federal dollars. Susie thanked MCF members for being a part of this work, and encouraged them to remember that MCF is made up of each of them, and make the organization what it is.

Treasurer's Report

Matt Stowell, board Treasurer reported on the financial health of the Minnesota Council on Foundations. Matt shared that MCF is in a strong position financially, and is approaching the year end with a positive balance for the second year in a row. He reported that MCF staff have worked hard to raise resources through member dues,

conference and program fees, sponsorships, and grants to support the work of serving and leading Minnesota's philanthropic community. He thanked members for their financial contributions to MCF.

Matt announced that in 2021, the Finance, Administration and Audit (FAA) committee provided guidance and oversight as MCF engaged in its annual audit and tax preparation, reviewed and updated MCF's internal finance policies, reviewed and approved a balanced budget for 2022, and reviewed proposals and selected MCF's next audit and tax partner. He thanked committee members for their hard work. Matt announced he will continue as treasurer and will continue to chair the FAA committee in 2022. He welcomed any MCF member to reach out to MCF staff if they would like to join the committee.

Matt announced that MCF recently updated its dues model. He shared that it has been an overall positive change, but that it will be slightly unpredictable in the next few years. He thanked members who have committee to renewal for 2022. Matt encouraged members to reach out to MCF staff if they have questions related to their dues renewal process.

Governance Report and Presentation of 2022 Board of Directors Nominations

Diana Anderson, chair of the Governance Committee, reported that the Governance Committee led the annual task of recruiting candidates for leadership positions throughout the organization in 2021. Diana reported that the MCF call for nominations for the Board of Directors included attracting candidates from large foundations, arts and environmental funders, family foundations, and people who bring gender, and racial and ethnic diversity to the board.

Diana presented the slate of those nominated by the governance committee and MCF board of directors. Those nominated to serve one three year full term included: Flor Trevino Frey, Frey Foundation of Minnesota; Olivia Jefferson, UnitedHealthcare; Sarah Lovan, the McKnight Foundation; and John Wilgers, Greater Twin Cities United Way.

Those nominated for a second three year term included: Ben Cameron, The Jerome Foundation.

Aretha Green-Rupert led the membership through a vote for the 2021 board nomination slate.

ACTION: the slate of 2022 candidates for the MCF board of directors was presented as a recommendation from the governance committee and board of directors, which needed no second. The slate passed unanimously by the membership.

Recognition of MCF Committee Members and Board Members Concluding Service

Aretha Green-Rupert thanked MCF committee members. She also thanked those board concluding their board service. She reported that in recognition of their service, MCF made a contribution to a nonprofit of their choice. Departing board members included: Kim Borton, Repa Mekha, Kate Seng and Erik Torch.

Looking Ahead

Katy Friesz, board Vice Chair shared brief remarks looking ahead to 2022. She shared that philanthropy and MCF itself are working hard to make changes and co-create with each other, and thanked the membership for its continuous engagement with the community. She encouraged those in the field of MN philanthropy to engage with anti-racism and the Principles for Philanthropy. Katy thanked Aretha Green-Rupert for her work as chair through the last year.

The Giving Practice

Mark Sedway and Marissa Jackson, consultants with The Giving Practice led those in attendance through various small group reflections around evolutions in Minnesota philanthropy.

Adjournment

ACTION: Pahoua Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the 2021 annual meeting of the membership. The membership voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Brianna Kocka, Governance and
Operations Manager

(Name, Title)

December 2, 2021

Date

Approved by:

Erik Torch, Secretary

(Name, Title)

December 20, 2021

Date