



## **MOUNTAIN RESOURCE CENTER**

### **Regular Board Meeting – November 19, 2024**

Peter Brettell – President  
Steve Hayes – Treasurer

Christy Seabourne – Vice-President  
Christy Stricker - Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Peter Brettell. This is the official annual meeting

Present: Sarah Kinzer (CEO), Steve Hayes, Addie Nicholson, Christy Stricker, Christy Seabourne, Jim Walpole, Tracy Hofeditz, Marilyn Saltzman, Bruce Atchison, Gil Gomez, Miles McNamee, Amanda Gregg

Absent: Clif Watkins, Rebecca Taylor

#### **Mission Moment**

Amada Gregg discussed how MRC has begun to raise money for Colorado Gives Day including many new donors engaging with MRC. Corrine will be posting something new on social media about Colorado Gives Day. By having board members create pages, MRC is finding new donors.

#### **Approval of previous Board meeting minutes**

A motion to approve the September board minutes, as presented, was made by Marilyn Saltzman, seconded by Jim Walpole, and approved unanimously.

#### **CEO Report**

MRC is in the process of hiring a new grant writer who will eventually report to Lisa Feldman. In the meantime, Sarah is taking on those responsibilities. Thank you to Amanda and Jennie for their support in this process. Safeway has donated the first of three gift card shipments that will extend through January. Gift cards will be given out the week before Thanksgiving and the week before Christmas. MRC has received donations from VFW to buy Walmart gift cards. Our Lady of the Pines is also raising money for MRC to buy gift cards. Every day the week before Christmas there will be a special event at MRC, such as giving out Dutch Bros. gift cards, Santa handing out candy canes and another day for stockings. Ripple Ice Cream's grand opening on Nov. 30, 2024 and auction proceeds will go to MRC.

#### **Strategic Plan Update**

Sarah will get back to people about individual comments on the strategic plan. Changes to the strategic plan will be given out in early December and finalized during the January board meeting. Many efforts are being put into the document.

#### **Executive Committee Report**

N/A

#### **Finance Committee Report**

Steve described two items that impact MRC's finances. First, the budget was behind for two items. The Gala was \$35,000 short of our goal. Second, due to fewer students enrolled in the preschool, the UPK funds are down \$87,000. MRC is trying to find additional students. These two numbers will make the budget come up short. However, the big picture of MRC's finances is that they are strong.

Grants, donations and contributions are guaranteed funds. These funds are recorded in the budget when they are received. Two grants came in during the spring, and for accounting purposes they were recorded in revenues in 2024.

MRC's budget received a clean audit for the fiscal year ending on June 20, 2024

Through the end of October revenue was \$627,000, 39% of the budget, and expenses were \$520,000 32% of the budget.

MRC put in an offer of \$25,000 to the property owner of the adjacent land for the parcel swap to begin talks again.

MRC had a CD mature and the finance committee looked at options of how to reinvest. The Finance Committee approved to invest \$100,000 in a 6 month CD and \$200,000 in a 2 year CD.

### **New Business**

The Board unanimously voted to have Addie Nicholson remain on the board.

Election of officers to serve 2024-2025:

Sarah wants to thank Peter for his service as president of the board. Sarah appreciates his support, and how he always advocated for her and the agency.

Peter is grateful to Sarah for making his position enjoyable. Peter thanks Christy Seaborne for being his VP and running meetings when he was absent.

Tracy Hofeditz will be leaving the board after the November meeting and was proud to be part of this group. He is looking forward to the direction of MRC and its future.

Marilyn Saltzman has been a board member for 9 years. Peter thanks her for her service and contribution. Her community connections have made MRC much stronger. During her time on the board, Marilyn was most proud of paying off the mortgage, hiring Sarah, and development of the mobile food pantry. She is also proud of being able to hire the most qualified staff and pay them well. Sarah thanks Marilyn for her support through her 9 years. MRC is in a much better position now than when Marilyn started.

Board meetings for next year. 1/28/25, 3/25/25, 5/27/25, 7/22/25, 9/23/25, 11/18/25

The following board members were unanimously voted in as officers for 2025; Steve Hayes- president, Bruce Aichison- Vice President, Gill Gomez- Treasurer and Christy Stricker- Secretary.

### **Old Business**

N/A

Adjourned at 6:50 pm by Peter Brettell.

Submitted by Christy Stricker

Approved by Board: January 28, 2025