



Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019, 10am

Present | Cynthia Crim, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Karl Wilson, Theresa Mayberry, Ann Bannes, Chauncey 'Skip' Batchelor

Other Attendees | Jamie Opsal, Bill Kuehling, Stephanie Herbers

Welcome and Review of Minutes (Cynthia Crim)

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Legal Consultant Report (Bill Kuehling)

State Statute for Senior Fund | Another legislative session has ended; was not successful in amending how the Senior Fund budget is approved. Rep. Donna Barringer sponsored the bill (HB 1054) and carried it further than before with support from Sen. Karla May and Sen. Jamilah Nasheed. They ran out of time to carry it through and will revisit in a future session.

City Review of Budget | Jamie Opsal has responded to requests as the Fund's FY20 budget is being reviewed by the Board of Aldermen. We hope to have confirmation of approval soon.

Program and Grant Committee Report (Karl Wilson)

Reviewed grants up for renewal for FY20. Presented resolution to approve contracts for year 2 of Phase 1 grantees. Approved total of \$791,2017 for Year 2 renewal contracts to continue supporting 17 projects.

Karl Wilson made a motion to adopt the resolution, Cynthia Crim seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Executive Director Report (Jamie Opsal)

Executive Officers | Jamie Opsal confirmed continuation of Executive Board officers; all have agreed to remain in current positions.

Chauncey 'Skip' Batchelor made a motion to approve the reelection of officers for a one year term, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Notetaker: Stephanie Herbers

Term Renewals | Ann Bannes and Theresa Mayberry are up for term renewals. The request to renew their terms has been submitted to the City and is under review by the Office of the Mayor.

Disclosure Form | Jamie presented conflict of interest disclosure forms to complete for all board members. Board members will complete before the start of the next fiscal year.

State Aging Advocacy Project | Jamie contributed to the development of a Letter of Intent to the Missouri Foundation for Health for an advocacy grant to start an aging advocacy network based on the model in Kansas City. This work would ultimately build into a statewide advocacy network, but would begin with forming a regional network in St. Louis. The LOI was submitted by Lutheran Senior Services who will serve as the fiscal agent. We are waiting to see if invited to complete a full application.

Jamie presented a scope of work to begin the development of the aging advocacy network ahead of any potential funding from MFH or other sources. This scope of work would focus on planning and early development. Person time outside of Senior Fund staff is needed to focus on this. Other funders are interested in supporting a contractor to begin the work in collaboration with the Senior Fund. The presented scope would be for a six-month project to contract with an individual with experience in aging services and coalition building. Jamie presented to board to consider being one of the funding partners. Funds will not be used for advocacy related to election issues; they are solely for planning and convening activities to establish a network.

Karl Wilson made a motion to fund work on developing the network up to \$25,000 for this project, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Other Items

Meeting Space | Karl Wilson suggested exploring other options for future board meetings. The Board appreciates the support from the Department of Mental Health in donating their meeting space but suggested for future meetings looking into meeting space at the Missouri Foundation for Health or other locations where there are meeting rooms specifically created for accessible, public meetings, with flexibility for number of attendees. Senior Fund staff will investigate options.

Meeting Adjourned 11:27am

Next Meeting: June 27, 10am, at the Department of Mental Health.