



Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2020, 10am

Present | Bill Siedhoff, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Karl Wilson, Cynthia Crim, Ann Bannes, Skip Batchelor

Other Attendees | Jamie Opsal, Stephanie Herbers, Susan Kabat, Bill Kuehling

Property Tax Resolution (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Reviewed resolution for setting the Senior Fund's tax rate for fiscal year 2021. The rate for FY2021 would be \$0.0488 on each \$100 assessed valuation on all real, personal, and other taxable property within the City of St. Louis. The Fund did not receive any public comments related to the resolution and no community members joined in the meeting.

Karl Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Ann Bannes seconded; based on roll call of board members, all members approved and resolution passed.

Review of Minutes (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Karl Wilson made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes for June and September special meeting as presented, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Program and Grants Committee (*Karl Wilson*)

Karl Wilson reviewed the update on current and upcoming grants provided in the executive director's report.

- *FY21 Fund Defined Grants* – Thirty-seven contracts to 31 organizations were completed focused on fall prevention, economic security, social isolation prevention, and homemaker chore services. The list of all organizations currently supported is on the website.
- *FY20 Applicant Defined Grants* – Partners are submitting interim reports September – mid-October and staff are completing check-in meetings.
- Three RFPs were released September 1: COVID-19 Emergency Needs, Applicant Defined, and Senior/Community Center support.
 - Hosted info session on 9/9. Staff available for individual consulting sessions.
 - Emergency Needs: Applications accepted starting 9/15; have received 15 requests to date.
 - Applicant Defined and Senior/Community Center: Applications due 10/13

Notetaker: Stephanie Herbers

Karl Wilson introduced the idea of two focus areas—housing and economic security—for the next round of Fund Defined grants to be awarded to begin in FY2022. Further discussion and ultimate approval of priority focus areas for Fund Defined grants will occur at the upcoming board meetings.

Attendees discussed concerns about the need for rent and mortgage assistance, eviction moratorium(s), and a coordinated regional approach. The St. Louis Regional Response Fund plans to focus on preventing evictions in their next funding round and Missouri Foundation for Health recently released a brief on housing-related issues. Housing and economic security are and will continue to be some of the primary needs for St. Louis City older residents.

Financial Report (*Susan Kabat*)

Reviewed FY2020 Q4 report. Tax revenues were just over \$2.2M and interest a little over \$35,000 for the year. Ninety-seven percent of the budget for program investments (i.e., grants) was spent in the fiscal year for a total of \$1.59M in distributed grant awards. In terms of operating expenses, the Fund spent over in some budgeted categories (e.g., insurance, bank fees), but remained under overall planned budget for operating expenses.

Executive Director's Report (*Jamie Opsal*)

Missouri Association of Levy Boards and Senior Organizations (MO ALSO) | Jamie Opsal gave an update on the development of an association for the senior levy boards in Missouri. This would be similar to the association for developmental disability resource boards that has been in existence for decades. The senior levy boards have been communicating and coordinating for years thanks to the support of Tina Uridge in Clay County; this association would make the existing network more formal. To date, 15 out of the 55 levy boards are interested in joining the association. Articles of incorporation have been filed, the costs have been supported to date by two of the boards. They have applied for their Federal EIN and the planning group is finalizing the bylaws. They have set dues at \$100/year. Jamie Opsal is seeking support from the Senior Fund board to join the association.

Karl Wilson made a motion to give authority to the St. Louis City Senior Fund's executive director to join as a member of the association, be actively involved in the association, and set aside \$1,300 in the current year's budget to help with incorporation of the association and the first year of membership fees, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ann Bannes seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned: 11:05am.