



Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2020, 10am

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

Absent | None

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

Welcome and Introductions *(Bill Siedhoff)*

Community member in attendance. No comments.

Review of Minutes *(Bill Siedhoff)*

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for October, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Governance Committee *(Bill Siedhoff)*

Discussed open position for Board and applications that were received for the position. Committee is recommending Julia Allen to move forward as the recommendation for the Mayor's Office. She has extensive experience with organizations serving St. Louis City residents, including St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, CLAIM, Patch Neighborhood Community Center, and 4 the Ville. Her appointment is subject to review and approval by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Cynthia Crim made a motion to recommend Julia Allen to be considered by the Mayor's Office, seconded by Sr. Mary Ann Nestel; Board unanimously approved.

Financial Report *(Susan Kabat)*

Reviewed Q1 report; current fund balance is \$2.7M which is due to planned distribution of payments for new grants and spenddown of the reserve. There is a new recording item in financial reports that is taxes assessed and recorded by the City but have not been collected; they will show up as Deferred Inflows of Resources. Nothing out of the ordinary in terms of revenue or spending; by the January meeting there should be more information on how revenue will be affected by the pandemic.

Notetaker: Stephanie Herbers

Program and Grants Committee (Karl Wilson)

Resolution for FY21 Applicant Defined Grants | Presented resolution to authorize funding for one-year grants to 13 organizations for a total of up to \$410,988 in awards that will begin January 2, 2021. Originally, \$400,000 was budgeted for this funding round. The amount of funding that exceeds the original budget, \$10,988, will be applied from budgeted program investment funds that have not been allocated to any current or planned funding opportunities for the fiscal year.

Karl Wilson made motion to approve the resolution as presented, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

FY21 Senior & Community Center Grants | Received applications from nine organizations from centers that currently serve older adults and are seeking support for general operating expenses or capital improvements. Some additional follow-up, including final quotes for capital requests, are needed. Senior Fund staff will obtain the information needed and recommendations for awards will be presented for approval at the January Board meeting.

FY21 Collaborative Grant | Discussed a proposal for a crisis counseling program that would support residents, staff, and families of long-term care communities. Karl Wilson recused himself from the discussion due to his involvement with the Behavioral Health Network, a partner related to the proposal.

A program has been formed to address trauma and other mental health needs related to COVID-19. Seventeen skilled nursing facilities in St. Louis City would be targeted for support. Missouri Foundation for Health is funding some agencies providing counseling support. VOYCE, an organization that focuses on long-term care communities, is not included in the MFH grant. VOYCE is the primary organization that has relationships and connections to long-term care facilities in the region and is needed to provide much needed mental health support to due to the significant impact the pandemic has had on residents, staff, and families. The grant proposal presented to the Board requests \$65,000 from the Senior Fund for a collaboration led by VOYCE. The St. Louis Community Foundation, MHB, and Marillac Mission Fund are also considering contributions. If funding is approved, services would begin in January and operate through June. A 3-month check-in report was recommended for this grant, if approved, to check on progress and opportunities to continue the program with other resources.

Skip Batchelor made a motion to approve up to \$65,000 from the Senior Fund to contribute to the program as presented, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved.

FY22 Fund Defined Grants | Discussed recommendation from Senior Fund staff and Program and Grants Committee to focus on economic security and housing for a new funding cycle that would begin July 1, 2021. A focus on housing would replace the fall prevention focus area; there would still be grants that address fall risk issues (e.g., home repairs and

modifications). Considering accepting grant proposals through an invitation to apply instead of an open RFP; will confirm at next meeting.

Karl Wilson made a motion to approve the new focus areas for FY22, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report (*Jamie Opsal*)

Aging Advocacy Network Update | The Senior Fund had supported a grant writer to for a grant to the Missouri Foundation for Health to develop a broad statewide coalition for aging services based on work in Kansas City. There have been some challenges with progress on the original intent of this grant. Network members, including Jamie, are working on making adjustments to the program plan and approach to address the challenges.

Senior Fund Audit | The audit with Rubin Brown was recently completed; they will report at the January meeting.

With no further business to discuss, adjourned at 11:07am.