



## Executive Board

---

### *Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, September 23, 2021, 10am

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

**Absent** | Bill Siedhoff, Julia Allen

**Other Attendees** | Jamie Opsal, Stephanie Herbers, Bill Kuehling, Susan Kabat, CJ Mabry (community member)

#### **Public Hearing on Property Tax** (*Cynthia Crim*)

Opened hearing for resolution to set the tax rate at 10:00 am. No community members were in attendance who wished to comment. Comment period was closed at 10:11 am.

#### **Board Vote on Property Tax Rate Resolution** (*Cynthia Crim*)

Resolution was presented to set the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 to \$0.0488 on each \$100 of assessed valuation on all real, personal, and other taxable property within the City of St. Louis. Sr. Mary Ann Nestel conducted a roll call vote of members in attendance for approval of the resolution as presented.

Cynthia Crim – Yes

Karl Wilson – Yes

Ann Bannes - Yes

Skip Batchelor – Yes

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel – Yes

*All board members were in favor of the resolution as presented, no opposed. The resolution passed.*

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

*Ann Bannes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June as presented, Karl Wilson seconded; Board unanimously approved.*

#### **Financial Report** (*Susan Kabat*)

Presented financial statements for Q4 of FY2021. When the Senior Fund budget for FY21 was approved, the board was purposely trying to spend down the net position. The budget aimed to spend down \$900,000 of the net position, \$553,000 was spent. Some grant awards were not fully expended due to programmatic delays related to COVID-19, staff transitions,

*Notetaker: Stephanie Herbers*

and other challenges. Other plans for program investment allocations (e.g., community needs assessment activities) were also delayed due to the pandemic. Overall revenues were at 109% of what was budgeted. Program investments were at 94% of what was budgeted, operating expenses were at 81% of budget.

*Karl Wilson made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented, Skip Batchelor seconded; All in favor, no opposed.*

### **Recognition of Rep Donna Barringer**

Agenda item deferred to October meeting.

### **Program and Grants Committee (Ann Bannes)**

**Social Isolation Grants** | Presented memo and resolution on behalf of the Program and Grants Committee recommending authorization of one-year grant awards to support programming to address social isolation facilitated by PEACE Weaving Wholeness and CHIPS. Specifically, the committee recommended an appropriation of up to \$79,793 for grant awards in FY22 as follows:

- \$50,000 grant for PEACE Weaving Wholeness to support programming that engages older adults in virtual and hybrid classes focused on culture, art, and wellness.
- \$29,793 grant for Community Health in Partnership Services, Inc. (CHIPS) to support the Circle of Friends program facilitated at four St. Louis Housing Authority apartment communities.

*Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Karl Wilson seconded; All in favor, no opposed.*

### **Fiscal Committee Report (Karl Wilson)**

**Senior Fund Procurement Policy** | Presented a procurement policy for board approval that outlines guidance related for the acquisition of goods, equipment, standard and professional services for the Senior Fund that are valued below or above \$10,000. Policy includes guidance regarding preference for location of vendors (i.e., City of St. Louis) and business with minority and women-owned businesses.

*Karl Wilson made a motion to approve the policy, in its entirety, as presented, Ann Bannes seconded; All in favor, no opposed.*

### **Executive Director's Report (Jamie Opsal)**

**Business and Grants Manager** | Jamie and Stephanie recently completed interviews with candidates for the Senior Fund's new part-time position. A new staff member will be announced soon.

**MFH Grant Applications** | Waiting to hear about approval for two grant applications submitted to MFH's Opportunity Fund to support a business planning process for SLAAA and further development of the senior levy board association.

**Board Member Photos** | Jamie will be organizing professional headshots for board members and staff soon. If possible, discussed picking sites that represent the different neighborhoods in which board members live. Jamie will share more information soon.

**State Legislation** | Jamie will send notice about the state legislation change related to the Senior Fund to President's Reed office.

**Recognition of Legislation Sponsors** | Invited Representative Baringer and Senator Roberts to be recognized for their support of the Senior Fund at an upcoming meeting. Jamie will send a packet that includes a certificate of recognition and additional information about the fund ahead of the meeting.

*With no further business to discuss, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karl Wilson seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.*

*Next board meeting will be held via Zoom on **October 28, 10am.***