



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2025, 10 am

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

Excused | Skip Batchelor

Senior Fund Staff | Nicole Brueggeman, Stephanie Herbers, Katie Ratkowski

Other Attendees | Matthew McBride (Lashly Baer, External Counsel), Liz Kramer and Annemarie Spitz (Public Design Bureau)

Review and Approval of Minutes (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Ann Bannes made a motion to approve the June minutes as presented, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; All were in favor of approving minutes.

Aging Network Survey Update (*Stephanie Herbers*)

Reviewed some preliminary highlights from the recent survey sent to organizations who play a role in the aging services network in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The survey served multiple purposes, informing the Aging Network Strategic Capacity Building Project, as well as community initiatives. Received responses from 69 people, representing 54 organizations so far. 83% of the respondents work at organizations providing direct services to older adults. Final survey results will be shared later on in the year along with the report from the Strategic Capacity Building Project.

Special Presentation: Strategic Capacity Building Project (*Nicole Brueggeman*)

Introduced Liz Kramer and Annemarie Spitz from Public Design Bureau, who are serving as consultants for the Aging Network Strategic Capacity Building Project. The project is scheduled to last 12-weeks and is intended to identify priorities for building on existing strengths while preparing for upcoming opportunities and challenges for the aging services network in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. Senior Fund is partnering

on facilitating this project with Marillac Mission Fund. The project is about two-thirds through the timeline and expected to have a completed report in October. The project has included a strategically created design team that includes funders and service providers, as well as hosted open sessions to get input from community members and providers. These meetings have informed the team and led to about eight recommendations that will be presented at the next open session on Monday, August 25. Board members are encouraged to join and provide further input as the process continues.

Senior Support Team Update (*Stephanie Herbers & Nicole Brueggeman*)

Senior Fund has accepted contributions from other funders to support the work of the Senior Support Team. This team is led by St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, LifeWise STL, and HOPE to facilitate case management support for older adults affected by the May 16 tornado. Between the funding commitment approved by the Senior Fund Board of Directors and contributions from other funders, Senior Fund has raised \$330,000 to support efforts. Currently, there is about \$250,000 of funds raised that has not been allocated through contracts yet. Partners have been focused on pulling from other resources first, such as ensuring clients they are supporting have applied for FEMA assistance. So, they have primarily spent funds to date on staff time and initial supplies for clients and other assistance. Senior Fund's contracts for HOPE and LifeWise will be amended to extend for one additional month under their current terms. Senior Fund staff will ask for a plan and proposal for additional funding use after this extension that will be presented to the board for review and decisions.

With no further public business to discuss, Sr. Ann Nestel made a motion to adjourn at 11:03, Ann Bannes seconded; all were in favor

*Next full board meeting is currently scheduled for **September 25, 2025 at 10am.***