



Saint Paul Bird Alliance

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2024
Amherst H. Wilder Center, St. Paul, MN

Call to Order

The Saint Paul Bird Alliance Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, December 2, 2024. President Greg Burnes called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Those attending were Vice-President Kiki Sonnen, Treasurer Neil Carlson, Secretary Amanda Rice (Zoom), VP of Communications Martha Douglas, Monica Bryand (Zoom), Debbie Brown and Craig Cox.

Current Business

Approve November 2024 Minutes

Neil moved to approve the minutes. Debbie seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

- Neil provided the following update on our current assets:
 - US Bank Checking: \$19,801.93
 - US Bank Savings: \$2,985.31
 - US Bank Certificate: \$26,093.72
 - TruStone Certificate: \$33,950.88
- The US Bank CD is due December 10. Neil will update the US Bank in December. We will keep some available as cash for upcoming expenses.
 - Put \$16,093.72 into a new CD
 - Move \$10,000 to checking
- [2023/24 Final Financial Statement](#) and [24/25 Budget](#) (Both on the website)

Fall Membership Drive

- 2024 pamphlets have been mailed. There are extras for sharing at events.
- Monica will take some pamphlets for the UBC table at MOU.

“Together for the Outdoors” Event

- The proposed event is on January 19 from 9 am-2 pm with UBC and the Land of Lakes Bird Alliance.
- There will be indoor and outdoor activities (snowshoeing, bird watching, sketching/drawing, and game tables). Monica is working on the location.
- Greg requested \$500 available for the event, Craig moved to approve it, and Debbie seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Grants

- Craig shared proposed changes to the grant form and guidelines. Focus on the mission.

- We discussed adjusting the grant deadline. We will move it to February 15 and continue voting at the April meeting. Greg will update the website and forms.
- Outreach: Write a Cardinal article (there should be a standard paragraph in every issue), email past recipients, share directly with partners, and connect with district councils.
- We are looking to invite partner contacts to the second half of the March meeting.
- BoD signed grant approval letters.

Open Volunteer Roles

- Volunteer & Events Coordinator
- Field Trip Coordinator/Chair
- Program Coordinator/Ideas

Committee Updates – Open Issues

- Field Trip Leader Training and Hats
- Cathy C. will join us in January to give an update on the field trip program.
- Program ideas
- Joint January meeting w/ Land of Lakes Bird Alliance BoD

Adjourn – Next BoD Meeting Jan. 6 (Monday) - 5 PM – Location TBD

The Board adjourned the monthly business meeting at 6:17 pm.