Members and friends,

Thanks to all of you, the Saint Paul Audubon Society had an incredible 2022 and with your continued engagement, 2023 will be even brighter for birds and those who find them an important part of their lives.

- We awarded a record $15,200 in grants, including to Carpenter Nature Center, Frogtown Green, the Urban Bird Collective, the MN Breeding Bird Atlas, and others. In 2023 we plan to award even more grant dollars to worthy organizations. If you know of outstanding partners who share our mission, please have them visit our website and apply. Also, please donate what you can so we can continue these vital efforts.

- Our chapter expanded the number, locations, and leaders of our very popular bird walks, offering a record 33 in 2022. Field trip coordinator Cathy Croghan is always looking for more leaders – is this the year you will volunteer?

- The Warbler Weekend Committee staged another hugely successful event, with 135 people registered and field trips to many locations in the Lake City area. Many of the warblers arrived the day after we left, but it was a banner year for woodpeckers and other species. Please join us in 2023.

- Our monthly chapter meetings continue to offer experts presenting on a wide range of topics. This fall we began transitioning back to in-person meetings and are working on providing both in-person and online options, knowing that people have varying levels of comfort in attending in-person activities.

After serving in our roles as President and Vice President for over five years, we have stepped aside to welcome a new leadership team. We are extremely pleased that Greg Burnes will serve as president and Kiki Sonnen as vice president, until the election in May. We encourage you to consider running for the Board. This is an all-volunteer chapter and all are needed and welcome to help.

Happy birding!

Donn Waage and Jane Braun
Outgoing President and Vice President
FY22 Financial Overview*

Our financial position continues to be strong, thanks to the generosity of our donors. Expenses were slightly more than revenue last year, which reflects a 368% increase in the amount paid out in grants and sponsorships, as many of our partners were able to resume activities. We continue to put our resources to work by carrying out projects and making grants for the study and support of our neighborhood birds!

**Revenue—Total: $39,246**

- $24,213 - Annual fund drive and other gifts
- $6,182 - National support
- $5,132 - Warbler Weekend, logo-wear, other
- $3,719 - Endowment income, interest

**Expenses—Total: $41,432**

- $16,576 - Programs, communications, and outreach
- $15,200 - Grants and sponsorships paid out
- $9,431 - Operations, including Warbler Weekend
- $225 - Membership dues to other organizations

*For the period June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022

**By the Numbers**

- 2,000 students in grades 1-4 learned about the habitats and adaptations of common Mississippi River and St. Croix River birds on the Big River Journey and Wild River Journey field trips, thanks to dozens of Saint Paul Audubon volunteers.

- 2 Landscape Revival expos and markets provided a way to learn about and buy native plants for your garden.

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**Facts and stats about the Saint Paul Audubon Society**

- 17 participants attended the annual butterfly count in July and identified 13 species, including a Duskywing Skipper Erynnis baptisae, a first for Ramsey County.

- 15 teams of birders and feeder watchers took part in the Saint Paul Audubon Christmas Bird Count 2022.

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Thank You to our Donors

Your gifts help make many of Saint Paul Audubon’s activities possible and support other important projects though grants to organizations that are aligned with our mission. We would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for gifts made between June 2021 and May 2022 to the Saint Paul Audubon Society.

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**Memorial Gifts**

Bonita Benson (In memory of Lester Benson)  
Lena Brooks (In memory of Jennifer Scribner)  
Mary Campbell (In memory of Lou Buon)  
Chase Davies (In memory of Missy Patty)  
Dr. Kenneth Harris (In memory of Dr. Jack Boglan)  
Norma Herther (In memory of Norman & Gladus Herther)  
Barbara Kern (In memory of Marilyn Reinward)  
Rand Kluegel (In memory of Lois Kluegel)  
Charles R. Lea (In memory of Hope Lea)  
LaWayne Leno (In memory of Reid Smith)  
Anne Lowe (In memory of Marcia Lowe)  
Finette Magnuson (In memory of Marcia Lowe)  
Danielle Mannella (In memory of Pat & Yvonne)  
Toni Meglitsch (In memory of Ron Winch)  
Betsy Moran-Johnson (In memory of Hugh & Jean Davis)  
Jeffrey Nelson (In memory of Peter A Tweet, DDS)  
Craig & Diana Noto (In memory of Inez Noto)  
Holly Peirson (In memory of Missy Patty)  
Diane Peltzer (In memory of Sylvia Broz)  
Kathleen Schute (In memory of Angie Annson)  
Laurel Stebler (In memory of Jean Gottfredson)  
Jim & Ann Stout (in memory of Christopher Stout)  
Mary Pat Tschida (In memory of Joyce Tschida)  
Karin Warch (In memory of Rick & Margot Warch)  
Warren Wildes & Mary Stevens (In memory of Gemini)

**Honorary Gifts**

Annie Handford (In honor of Beryl Boyd)  
Todd Harper (In honor of Eric Dolphy)  
Paul Stefferson (In honor of Joe Kingman III)  
Molly Munnikhuysen (In honor of Louise Cameron)  
Sally Reynolds (In honor of Mark Ellenberger & Janet Zander)  
Paula Wieczorek (In honor of Rita & Larry Wieczorek)  
Phil Stout (In honor of the Birds)  
John Zakelj (In honor of Kiki Sunnen)
Building on Our Mission

Thanks to the many committed and creative volunteers who plan and lead activities, we continue to make progress in many areas central to our focus areas of conservation, education and advocacy. Among these are projects focused on creating and preserving bird habitats in St. Paul neighborhoods that are at risk of losing important natural resources.

Battle Creek Grassland

Saint Paul Audubon volunteers are working with other environmental organizations to try to save a 77-acre site adjacent to Battle Creek Regional Park. They regularly meet with Ramsey County Board members and county staff to advocate for protection and management of the grassland and its rare and declining species. The goal is to protect the site as an Environmental Natural Area and eventually make it available as a Birdability site for the enjoyment of everyone, including those with physical impairments.

Frogtown Green

Saint Paul’s Frogtown Green, a neighborhood environmental organization, is the recipient of a three-year grant from Saint Paul Audubon. They sponsor bird walks and other programs at three community gardens and greenspaces. Our support is used for tree planting, pollinator gardens, youth education, and urban bird presentations.

Pig’s Eye Regional Park

A new field trip to the north end of Pig’s Eye Regional Park took place on May 14, International Migratory Bird Day, with a focus on Spring migrant birding. Afterwards the group met with the park’s Friends group to learn about reclamation and advocacy activities within the park. Raising awareness of the cleanup issues affecting Pig’s Eye Regional Park is an ongoing effort supported by Saint Paul Audubon.

Staying Up-to-Date

This report gives highlights of a wide array of activities we support either financially or through volunteers, but it still only scratches the surface. More information about how you can take part – in bird walks, advocacy efforts, educational opportunities, conservation, monthly programs, or serving on the board or committees – can be found online in the Cardinal newsletter, on our website, or with the Saint Paul Audubon group on Facebook. Visit our website at www.saintpaulaudubon.org and subscribe free-of-charge to the Cardinal; or go to www.facebook.com/groups/saintpaulaudubonsociety and click on “Join Group” at the top of the page.