



June 2026 Newsletter

SENATE COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

On March 27th, 2026, our Madame Secretary testified before the Minnesota Senate Committee on State and Local Government in support of establishing the toboggan as the state sled. You can see the full footage of the testimony here: [The Bill](#).

The bill did not make it out of committee this year, but word on the street is that it is making a come back next session.



CIB Grant UPDATE:

Our proposal has been determined to be one of the most expensive, coming in at over \$1,000,000 and will not be one of the projects recommended to the City Council and Mayor. That said, we have learned that the CIB is likely not a good fit for this type of project, but we will make this a long-term goal for Saint Paul.

We still want to hold an event that can be tied to the Winter Carnival. We are looking for ideas for this event so your ideas are welcome.



STATE OF THE CLUB:

We host three types of events during the year. First we hold a fundraiser to generate the revenue needed. Next we're in the Torchlight Parade for general public engagement and promotion. Lastly we host Toboggan Runs during the snowy months.

Costs:

- Auction Party, \$1275
- Torchlight Parade, \$1300
- Toboggan Runs, \$300

SAVE THE DATE:

Our 2026 Annual Fundraiser Party will be on [Saturday September 26th from 4-8pm](#) at the Highland Pavilion again, but yes a Saturday. Our community gathering will include the El Burrito Mercado food truck, beverages, 1919 Root Beer Floats, music, and a silent auction.

The free shirts have already arrived, and we look forward to meeting you at the auction.



Your help is needed with promoting the event and seeking [donations](#). We will spend the summer building baskets with items to engage our party guests.



JOIN THE BOARD:

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Your help is needed and welcome. As we explore these big ideas and projects, we want to expand the decision making board to get more voices and ideas heard.

Right now, there are three board members: President Patrick Thunte, Vice-President Sarah Thunte, and Secretary Lillian Thunte. We hope to enlist help from within the organization for planning purposes and utilizing your talents.

Please let us know if this interests you and we can set a date and buy you a coffee or beer to discuss the opportunity.