

# It's Ours! The Purchase of 222 E. Argonne Drive



At 10:00 am Friday, December 9, 2016, it became official: we are now the proud owners of the property at 222 E. Argonne Drive.

Board officers Cindy Lau, Dave Salivar and Angie Bowland signed the loan and title documents at our closing. Many, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen: Our rock star Board of Trustees and staff, and our 222 Advance Team which included Brian Krippner who is fluent in Banker and helped negotiate our loan, David Cox, who helped us with legal matters, and Teri Nicely, who lent her considerable experience and skill as a realtor. And to the 209 households of Eliot members and friends who overwhelmed us with your support. We asked for \$200,000 and you gave us \$221,230! Thank you so much!



What's next, sports fans? We will publish the 60-day demolition notice in Kirkwood that is required for historic neighborhoods and seek bids from demolition companies. We are also considering how to remove and sell the antique items from the home, such as brass fixtures, crown window moldings, marble tile, etc. We would like to find a home, like Habitat for Humanity, for the brand-new windows. Once the home is torn down, we will plant some grass and rest up for the next round: deciding what we want to build. That process will begin next fall, after we have made our long-term decision about the Bergfried property at the Annual Meeting in May.

