

Pullman Civic Organization Meeting Wednesday September 20th

Called to order at 7:49, meeting called to order

Minutes from August PCO general meeting were read, notes were adopted.

Minutes from August Exec Meeting read, Treasurers report read, notes and report adopted

Committee Reports

Membership – Beverly Carli – Halfway there, hoping to hit 400 members by November, block captains and zone directors will get updated lists tonight.

Beman – Wyatt Ollestad –meeting next Wed at 7:30

Pullman Flyer – No Report

House Tour – Cindy McMahon – Advance tickets available, PR is good, information about House Tour for our new neighbors

Education – Cheryl Briscoe – Information in the Pullman Flyer, we do have an interim principal but the school does have to go through the Principal Selection Process to find a new permanent principal.

Garden Club – Susan James – Had a great event with volunteers from U of I and there is another event this Saturday at 2pm at Gateway Garden. Oct 12th is an inventory of all the trees on public land for an area wide inventory. October 28th is tree replacement day with Open Lands.

Greenstone – Luther Mason – Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are active again and recruiting new members. 3-4 more Eagle Scouts this year, call for volunteers to help the Eagles with their projects. It's almost popcorn selling time for all the Scouts. On House Tour weekend, the church will have it's annual chili. In November is the annual Thanksgiving dinner and in December is the 125th Anniversary of the church.

CAPS – Carol Lagadinos – On the 28th is the State of the District at the 5th in the Atrium at 6pm, it should be an hour meeting. Labor Day weekend there were a few garage break-ins and car break-ins. Only one was reported and they need to be reported for Pullman to get proper police assistance and connect crimes.

Choir – Mike Shymanski – Sunday October 1st is the performance of Crowd Out in Millennium Park at 3pm at the Bean.

Pullman Arts – Ann Alspaugh – Updates in the Flyer, the mural will be finished the week of September 25th.

HPF – Mike Shymanski – Work is proceeding on the curbs, gutters and sidewalks, closing off the Visitor's Center driveway on 112th to increase parking spaces by 3, Farmer's market is now at the parking lot while construction is ongoing. U of C Law students helped move files to accommodate the NPS at the 113th building. September 30th Pet Fair with vaccinations. U of C volunteers coming this Fall.

National Park – Sue Bennett– This Saturday Smithsonian is sponsoring National Museum Day, which includes free admission at multiple museums including the A Phillip Randolph Pullman Porter museum. For tickets go to the Smithsonian site

State Site – David Schulz – In the next few weeks, Exterior work will begin on the Hotel Florence, things like the wheelchair ramp. October 1st and 15th there will be two more factory tours.

New Business

Colin Deveraux Midwest Director for the National Parks Conservancy Association is our guest. Discussed the recent discussion by the White House and Dept of the Interior about shrinking some of the National Parks. Asked to sign a petition to protect National Monuments and has business cards available in the back. Announced the new Transportation Plan which is based on the Positioning Pullman document. An executive summary is available in the back. The full transportation plan is available online at www.NPCA.org/PullmanTransportation.

Convening the Audit Committee to do the annual audit report.

Old Business

Website, add more info (pdfs of the flyer and the minutes) and new pictures, please send any photos of PCO events or Pullman events to the PCO gmail, pullmancivicorganization@gmail.com

Garage Sale Update will come next month

Larry Lagadinos spoke about the rehab of the Greenstone Church. The Lagadinos have started paperwork to start a 501c3 to raise funds for the rehabilitation project. They are currently working on bylaws, a board and a website. There will be a fence going up around part of the church for safety before the end of the month.

Discussion on the Bylaws and a review of changes, slides from the Powerpoint are available for review. A motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to update the Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws Committee. The updated bylaws will be posted on the website.

Discussion of having Informational Real Estate Workshops. CIC will be having a workshop here in Pullman the weekend after House Tour, the course is 3 nights and costs \$50. October 16th - 19th in the evenings. The PCO is also interesting in hosting a one night workshop geared more towards individual home ownership.

St George Matthias is going to have a pet blessing on Sunday October 1st at 10 am on the side yard.

Anita Scorzo came to talk about bringing back the annual Pullman Children's Christmas Party. She's trying to track down the kids in the neighborhood and get a location, Rev Mason is open to having it at the Greenstone. Block Captains can help out, so can the Parents of Pullman FB page to help locate kids under 13 to participate.

Adjourned at 8:46