

Pullman Civic Organization Meeting Wednesday April 18th

Called to order at 7:43, meeting called to order

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

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

Opening – \$46,356.05

Income – \$1305.75

Expenses – \$1,532.18

Closing – \$46,129.62

House Tour - \$46,850.16

Committee Reports

Membership – Beverly Carli – No Update

Beman – Wyatt Ollestad and John Christie – All 2018 Façade contracts are out and the next meeting is next week.

Pullman Flyer – No Update

House Tour – Cindy McMahon – Meeting next Wednesday at 6pm in the Visitor’s Center

Community Improvement – No Update

Education – Cheryl Briscoe – Elections for Local School Council at the Elementary Schools was today. May 19th Poe fundraiser, dinner dance. CSU is having a fundraiser on May 4th.

Welcome Comm – Beverly Ash-Larson – No Update

Garden Club – Mike McMahon – Sunday is Earth Day, Jens Jensen film at 3pm in the Visitor’s center. The director Cary Lundeen will be here. DePaul is coming for their day of service. June 23rd is the Garden Walk. Applied for a grant with CPD for new plants at Arcade Park was approved.

Greenstone – Luther Mason – Easter and Pancake Breakfast were a success. Next Friday is a community dinner, Italian themed and Sunday is a Jazz vesper in the afternoon. Three scouts will become Eagle Scouts this year. Restoration is pushing forward.

Safety – Carol Lagadinos – Crime is at a minimum, but still be cautious. CAPS Tuesday May 15th 7pm at the Greenstone

Choir – Mike Shymanski – No Update

Pullman Arts – Erica Roewade – No Update

HPF – Mike Shymanski – Progress is advancing on the Sidewalks around the Visitor's Center and in the 614 building. Saturday April 28th at 2pm is the rededication of the 614 building to Florence Lowden Miller, her son is coming in for the ceremony to join other family members. This week you can vote for 5 sites in Pullman as the best historic sites in Illinois.

National Park – Kathy Schnieder – Have a 2018 Federal Budget, with some increases. Repairs are funded for roof and window work on the clock tower, followed by masonry work. After that interior work on the new Visitor's Center can begin. National Park week is being celebrated in Pullman with a host of activities, flyers are available. May 19th is a United Pullman cleanup.

State Site – Lorraine Brochu – Plaster work is complete at the hotel, the rest is all underway. The Acme Steel structures are now at Steelworkers Park. David gave Lorraine a heartfelt letter of goodbye to read to the community. A replacement for David has not been posted by the State.

Nominating Comm – Pat Shymanski – The recommended slate of candidates Pres Wyatt Ollestad, VP Rachel Smith, Sec Ellen Kaulig, Treasurer Jim Bosman. Zone Directors 1 is Tom McMahon, 2 is Debbie Newman, 3 is Cheryl Briscoe, 4 is Angelo Carrivale. Also nominated for the nominating committee next year are Angelo Carrivale, Debbie Newman and Larry Lagadinos. A call for nominations from the floor was made, people have to the end of the meeting to nominate themselves or others. No one nominated anyone and the slate passed.

New Business

JB Daniel was going to ask for a Debs committee but was taken off-guard by the Exec Board ad hoc committee for a Labor committee. Rachel discussed more in depth how an ad hoc committee was created and how it would function. JB and Sara Joy Liles came up to discuss their idea for a committee and their reasons for supporting a name change of Langley Play Lot to Eugene V Debs Park. Sarah read the part of the Presidential proclamation that dealt with Labor History. A motion was made to create an Ad Hoc Committee on interpreting Labor History in Pullman, the motion carried.

Pat Brannon came up to talk about the Pullman Partners to the membership, both the history of the Pullman Partners, their role in the Positioning Pullman document and future efforts. The mission statement is as follows: *Our mission is to support historic preservation and responsible growth throughout the Pullman National Monument for the benefit of residents and visitors, now and for generations to come.* The goal is to support ongoing efforts of alliance members, such as the work at the NPS Visitor's Center and their effort to get more funding. A

unified voice and effort to create the most impact and realize the goals of the Positioning Pullman document. A motion was made for the PCO to join the Pullman Partners, it passed.

A monthly summer bike ride series will be starting soon. The first one is to Rainbow Cone on May 26th, leaving from Arcade Park.

Saturday at 10 am is a cleanup at Big Marsh Park

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None

Adjourned at 8:41