

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization
March 11, 2020

Present: Wyatt Ollestad, Debbie Newman, Jim Bosman, Lorraine Brochu, Tom McMahon, Cindy McMahon, Lynne Collins, Megan Lydon, Jim Badali, Mike Shymanski, Fernando Rosiquez

President Ollestad convened the meeting at 7:32 pm at the Lowden-Miller Center.

Presentation by Beverly Ash-Larson and Bob Bushwaller on reinstating the Vision Committee, which in its 2011 final report suggested periodic updates. **Motion: to allow Beverly and Bob to explore the idea of reestablishing the Vision Committee. m/s/p (TM/MS)**

Minutes of the February board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report (JB): Opening balance 2/1/2020 \$44,159.87 Closing balance 2/29/2020: \$45,938.82

Standing and ad hoc Committee reports:

- Membership (FR): A cookout to encourage membership renewal will be held in May, with membership materials distributed to block captains May 1.
- Hospitality (WO): Beman Committee will bring treats.
- Community Improvement (Andy Morgen, submitted): Clean and Green event is set for April 25. The lanes marked on 111th St. are a test run for a bike path. Landscaping in front of the new Visitor Center should be done by summer.
- Safety (WO): Carol Lagadinos has resigned as chair, and Lynne Collins has expressed possible interest in assuming chair.
- Nominating (WO): The committee has appointed Larry Lagadinos as its chair.
- House Tour (CM): The Committee has received 7 tentative offers to show houses.
- Black History Month: The series was categorically a success. There is still some minor bookkeeping to do but the event netted about \$550 profit.

Affiliate group reports:

- Garden Club (DN): reminded board of next lecture on March 23rd.
- Choir (MS): announced their concert on April 25.
- HPF (MS): announced Jimmy Badali as new PCO liaison. There followed a discussion of exploring, with the HPF, recasting the 1970 State Historical Society's plaque designating Pullman a historic site.
- NPS (MS): has an archaeologist on site as exploration of Corliss Engine drive shaft is underway. Work has begun on the interior of the new Visitor Center and plans for wayfinding signs are well underway.

Old business:

- Pullman Picnic (WO): Wyatt will complete Jump House permit.
- Summer outing (TMC): suggested July 25 outing to Railway Museum.

New business and announcements:

- Tom McMahon said the Chicago Ag School would like their students to present their Pullman ad campaign at the April meeting.
- Andy Bullen was recommended to receive certificate of appreciation.
- Fernando volunteered to run Split-the-Pot.
- It was noted that some of our block captains need to renew their own memberships.
- Condolences were extended to friends and family on the passing of Gino Testola (Pullmanite), Patrick Murphy (son-in-law of the Lagadinoses), Glen Ruff (long-time security guard at Pullman Bank), and Dan Surma (pianist of Pullman Community Choir).
- Discussion: the board weighed the request of NPCA to write a letter of support for the Pullman National Historical Park Act bills in Congress. Wyatt will submit material to the Flyer about the implications of the Act prior to discussion at general meeting.
- Discussion: Lorraine introduced the subject of cancelling the general meeting due to the corona virus pandemic. The group decided not to cancel at this time, but would adhere to City guidelines on cancellations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Submitted,
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary