

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Pullman Civic Organization
January 15, 2020

Convened at 7:45 pm.

Motion: to suspend usual order of business. m/s/p

Kevin Kuhn, Volunteer Program Specialist from Cook County Forest Preserves, spoke on resources available in area forest preserves.

Minutes of the November general meeting were read and approved, and the December Executive Board read. (NB: business was suspended at the December meeting for a holiday party)

Treasurer's report (Jim Bosman):

Opening balance as of December 1: \$37,577.16 Closing balance as of December 31: \$37,117.47

Standing and ad hoc Committee reports:

- Membership (Fernando Rosiquez): The membership drive for 2019-20 is over, with membership down about 100.
- Education (Cheryl Briscoe): announced Poe School is still building and will soon accommodate K-8 classes.
- House Tour (Cindy McMahan): reported the tour netted \$13,190.09, with \$6,595.05 going into the Facade program.
- Black History Month (Lynne Collins): confirmed the upcoming programs for Feb 2, 9 and 16.
- War Memorial (Andrew Bullen): defined purpose of the new ad hoc Committee to verify known and new names of veterans who have died in wars; create signage with brief resume of these veterans and find appropriate location; and find funding for signage. Andy invited volunteers to participate.

Affiliate group reports:

- Garden Club (Debbie Newman): announced the upcoming Winter Lecture series and Garden Walk, and invited all to the Feb. 5 Membership Dinner.
- Greenstone Church (Luther Mason): announced community dinner Jan. 31 and clothing give-away Feb. 5.
- Choir (Tony Dzik): noted rehearsals have resumed and all welcome to join Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at Visitor Center.
- HPF (Mike Shymanski): reported that the Candlelight Tour was a success and that the Visitor Center would reopen Feb. 18.
- NPS (Ranger Sue Bennett): reported that they have secured a contractor for the new Visitor Center and that a new superintendent for the National Monument should be announced soon. Labor Day plans are underway and all are welcome to participate.

Old business: Wyatt reported that Community Improvement is still awaiting meeting with the alderman to discuss No Truck signs in Pullman.

New business:

- Motion: to increase budget for Black History Month events to \$200. m/s/p
- The Pullman Picnic will be Aug. 1. Both volunteers and raffle prizes are needed.
- A Veterans and Memorial Day special committee is being formed and volunteers are needed.
- The summer outing is scheduled for late July and volunteers are needed to plan it.
- The Nominating Committee still needs two volunteers and should contact Wyatt.
- Planning for the 5th Anniversary of the Pullman National Monument celebration on Feb. 19 is underway.

Announcement: The wake for Army Spc. Henry Mayfield, lost in Kenya, will be Saturday at House of Hope.

Split the pot: \$20 to Lynne Collins

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Submitted,
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary