

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of the Pullman Civic Organization
December 11, 2019

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

Minutes of the November Executive meeting were read and approved with correction of closing balance to be \$39,897.02.

Treasurer's report (Jim Bosman):

Opening balance as of November 1: \$39,897.02 Closing balance as of November 30: \$37,577.16

Committee reports:

- Community Improvement (Wyatt Ollestad): Still awaiting word on Andy Morgen's meeting with alderman.
- Communications (WO): committee is preparing to move PCO website onto a different server.

Affiliate group reports:

- Choir (Mike Shymanski): noted that recent concerts were successful.
- HPF (MS): reported a successful Candlelight tour and that Visitor Center will be closed to public until Feb. 18. HPF offered to cohost a 5th anniversary party of Pullman as National Monument at Feb. 19 PCO meeting.
- NPS (MS): reported that construction award will be announced soon as will candidate for Park Supervisor. Discussion: how to establish a more formal relationship with NPS to convey community's concerns and interests. The board decided to wait until a new Supervisor was in place to initiate this conversation.
- Pullman Partners (MS): The latest iteration of Positioning Pullman has received good publicity.

Old business:

- Holiday youth event (Tom McMahon): CPD will not be holding the Winter Wonderland event this year.
- No updates on: CPR course, youth data survey, PCO PayPal device, shared new resident database, or Levi Bray as speaker. Wyatt will follow up with Mr. Bray.
- Black History Month (Lynne Collins): Two events are confirmed: Black Cowboys and the Wild West on Feb. 9 , 3-5 pm; Underground Railroad in northern Illinois, Feb. 16, 3-5 pm. Both events will be at the Visitor Center. A third event is tentative: Traditions in African-American Cuisine on Feb. 2.
- Pullman Picnic 2020: Wyatt says Charles Livingstone will set the date early in 2020.
- Chicago Agricultural School's presentation on NPS Marketing Project will probably be in April.
- Holiday Party: the civic leader invitation list was reviewed and amended.
- Veterans Day and Memorial Day committee: suggestions were entertained for possible members to ask.

New business:

- January guest speaker will be Kevin Kuhn, staff member of Forest Preserves of Cook County.
- Fernando Rosique and Tom Mc Mahon offered to conduct split-the-pot at the December meeting.
- Condolences were extended to the family and friends of Eunice Louise Karnes Knight, sister of Joyce Beer.
- Block Captain update: Paul Belloni has volunteered to serve for the 111th and St. Lawrence block; we will need one for 111th and Langley East, particularly when ArtSpace is full.
- Audit committee established to review books from August – December 2019: Debbie Newman, Mike Mishler, Larry Lagandinos, with Jim Bosman in attendance.
- The board agreed to the president's establishment of an ad hoc committee for Black History month, with Tom Shepherd as chair. Motion: to recommend to the General Membership that we increase the budget for this event to \$200 (from the original \$150). m/s/p (Tom McMahon/ Debbie Newman)

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Submitted,
Lorraine Brochu, Secretary