

**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Pullman Civic Organization
November 20, 2019**

Convened at 7:35 pm.

No new residents were present to welcome.

Presentation of Positioning Pullman 2.0 by Lynn McClure, Sr. Regional Dir. for the National Parks Conservation Assoc.

Minutes of the October 16th general meeting were read and approved, and the November 13th Executive Board were read.

Treasurer's report (Jim Bosman)

Opening balance as of October 1: \$40,113.02. Closing balance as of October 31: \$39,897.02

Committee reports:

- Membership (Fernando Rosiquez): Chair asked for one last push for memberships before year-end.
- Hospitality (Wyatt Ollestad): Provided refreshments and reminded everyone the next meeting is the annual Holiday Party, which is a pot luck
- Community Improvement (Andy Morgen): Reached out to the Alderman's office again regarding truck traffic concerns & general street improvements, including 111th St. corridor plans
- Safety (Carol Lagadinos): Reported on growing theft and vandalism incidents the past two months, including garage & car break-ins, plus catalytic converter thefts. The Tactical Team and the Burglary/Robbery group have been notified. Residents were encouraged to leave porch lights, and reminded of other general safety tips, plus told to include "we have a pattern" if calling 911 to report similar incidents.

Affiliate group reports:

- Garden Club (Andy Bullen): The nominating committee is currently looking to fill officer positions, members can see himself or Lynne Collins if interested. Debbie Newman also gave a Save the Date for the Winter Lecture Series, which are the 4th Sunday in January, February and March
- Greenstone Church (Luther Mason): reported on the Strike Camp with Voices of the City (supported 5 kids for 4 days) and Thanked the PCO for their support. A written report will be provided to WO for the PCO. Events were announced, including a free Thanksgiving dinner 11/23 with clothing drive for Tabitha's closet, December event flyers were distributed
- Choir (Mike Shymanski): 11/15 concert was a success, TY to the Lagadinos' for the after party. Next event is the Choral Convening on 12/7 at the Greenstone
- HPF (MS): Candlelight tour is 12/8 and 9am 11/23 is decorating the Visitor Center for the season
- NPS (Todd Ravesloot): reported the PNM VC is on track, site work in begin in spring, target end date is late 2020, with a Spring 2021 opening. In line for funding the Interpretive Plan.

Old business:

- Wyatt and Community Improvement are working with the alderman on truck traffic signage.
- Veterans Day (Tom Shepherd): TY to all who came, presented and helped. 7 student essays, all received a Gift card for participating. TY to Panozzo Bros for the wreath donation and to Father Robert Cristobal for the prayer.
- Chicago Cares recap (Tom McMahan): Bandstand was painted, after refurbishment, Gateway Garden had 14 yard of mulch added, Welcome sign was painted, thanks to Andy Bullen's prep.

New business:

- Motion: To approve the proposed minor changes in language and procedure in the PCO By-Laws, as printed in Flyer. (Mike Shymanski/Tom McMahan) m/s/p
- Motion: to add \$40 to the Veterans Day Reception line item (\$100 currently), to cover ink expenses for event PR. (Andy Bullen/Tom McMahan) m/s/p

Announcements:

- Andy Bullen announced Pullman Morris and Sword would be carolling on 12/15 from 3-6pm. All are welcome
- Andy Morgan thanked neighbors for helping with pre-house Tour clean-up around the neighborhood
- Tom Shepherd added more thank-yous from the Veterans Day event
- Arlene Echols gave thanks from St George & St Matthias church for the successful Pancake Breakfast!

- Fr. Cristobal from SG&SM reminded all are welcome at their masses. The Soup Kitchen is open 11/30, from 9/9:30-1pm (hard close) and there is Ministry 12/28. See website or FB page for details.
- Condolences were extended to the family and friends of former resident Diane Palagi.
- Reminder about the December meeting being our Annual Holiday Party (no business).

Split the pot: \$21 to Mark Mesle (NPCA).

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Newman, Vice President