

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – September 15, 2021

A quorum having been established, President Smith convened the meeting at 7:39.

After introduction of new attendees and guests, the Secretary reported that the Draft August General Membership and September Executive Board Minutes had been posted in advance online. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions needed, the August General Membership Minutes were **Approved** – M/S/P (Andy Bullen, Ed Krueger)

Treasurer reported an Opening Balance of \$36,748.71 and a Closing Balance of \$36,939.73 for the month of August, broken up as follows: Operating: \$21,085.22; Façade: \$10,808.20; Kirtchner: \$1,614.23; Savings: \$3,432.08. The report will be filed for audit. Further, the Treasurer reported an Opening balance of \$23,003.18 and a Closing balance of \$22,262.14 for the House Tour Fund.

Membership Committee reported that there are 267 members to date, and that Zone Directors and Block Captains are encouraged to keep generating additional memberships.

Beman Committee detailed its changes to the 2022 Façade Reimbursement Program cycle, with the new Application to be made available November 1.

Safety Committee reported on the following:

- Vehicle accidents continue to be a problem, especially at 115th and the Bishop Ford. New traffic lights are being installed there.
- There have been three catalytic converter thefts in the area during the past month, otherwise crime continues to be low overall.
- The streets surrounding Palmer Park, certain blocks of Kensington, and 104th & 105th and Corliss & Maryland, as well as 106th and Langley, continue to see crime activity. Residents are encouraged to stay safe.
- The 113th block of Champlain is continuing the solicit signatures for its petition to have speed bumps installed along that street
- The next Beat meeting will be September 21 on Zoom
- The next Safety Committee meeting will be September 23 at 6:30PM

Welcome Committee reported that 10 welcome bags have recently been prepared.

Thanks were given to John Lydon for organizing the Zone Director/Block Captain training session the previous week.

Communication Committee reported that necessary updates to PayPal have been made, and that the main page of the PCO website has been updated and re-styled.

House Tour reminded members that this year's Tour will be held on October 9 & 10, and that interested volunteers should see Mary Ferraza to sign up. Further, it was announced that sales remain at about 50% of what they were at the same time in 2019, so everyone is encouraged to help promote. Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 safety protocols – all volunteers are required to wear masks, and visitors are being asked to wear masks. Capacity limits based on house size will also be in place.

HPF thanked everyone's help for making the Labor Day Grand Opening a success, and announced that the Exhibit Hall's regular hours have resumed – Tuesday-Sunday 11:00-3:00. Volunteers are always welcome.

NPS thanked all volunteers for the Labor Day Grand Opening as well, and reported that visitation at the Monument has so far been good. Volunteers are welcome, and those interested should see Sue Bennett or Grace Kruse.

Community Improvement announced that the streetlights along 115th and along Cottage Grove, as well as the streetlight south of the Hotel, have been reported, and that those along 115th are back on for now.

Garden Club announced that its Garden Walk will take place on Sunday, September 19, starting at staggered times throughout the day and beginning at the Exhibit Hall.

For Old Business, the President reminded the membership that open volunteer opportunities are still available, including for Block Captain, Hospitality Committee Chair, and Flyer Ad Coordinator.

The Vision Committee presented its report, 'A Vision Forward' [see pullmancivic.org->Resources->Five Year Strategic Plan for record]. After presentation and discussion of findings, it was determined that a follow-up workshop would be forthcoming.

For New Business and Announcements:

- Permits for the upcoming neighborhood garage sale have been acquired
- Individuals interested in participating in Black History Month have begun brainstorming ideas for events, and a formal establishment of the Committee will likely be forthcoming pending approval of the annual Budget.
- CJ Martello announced he had designed a new Pullman t-shirt with the tagline 'A Company Town with a Community Spirit'.
- Discussion was held regarding how to increase community engagement especially where interactions with outside entities are concerned.

Split the Pot was \$37 and Claudia Flores was the winner.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40PM – M/S/P (Tom McMahon, Debbie Newman)

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary