

## **Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – November 10, 2021**

In Attendance: President Rachel Smith, Vice President John Lydon, Treasurer Debbie Newman, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad (also Beman), Zone Directors Tom McMahon, Lynne Collins, Susan Schoephoester (also Hospitality), Megan Lydon (also Beman); HPF Representative Jim Badali; Fernando Rosique & Claudia Flores (Membership), Beverly Ash-Larson & Bob Bushwaller (Vision); Teri Gage (NPS); Cindy McMahon (House Tour)

A quorum having been established, President Smith convened the meeting at 7:35PM.

October Executive Board Minutes were circulated in advance. An addition of 'an additional' was added to before '\$200 from the Kirchner Fund...'

**Motion:** To adopt the October Executive Board Minutes as amended. M/S/P (LC/TM)

Treasurer reported an Opening balance of \$35,865.99 and a Closing balance of \$33,106.83 for the month of October, broken up as follows: Operating: \$21,102.27; Façade: \$6,958.20; Kirchner: \$1,614.23; Savings: \$3,432.13. Report will be filed for audit. Further, the Treasurer reported an Opening balance of \$21,874.48 and a Closing balance of \$37,982.15 for the House Tour Fund.

Membership Committee reported that 3 memberships were added in October, resulting in 272 active members to date.

Beman Committee announced that current Façade Reimbursement Program projects are wrapping up, and that Application and Guidelines for the 2022 cycle are currently available online and at 11307 St. Lawrence.

Vision Committee announced that its current iteration is concluding its business, and will likely be finished in January. The Committee will be circulating its one-sheet Priority Action Survey to all members of the Organization starting at the November General Membership meeting, with the results to then be presented in January. Thank were given to the Committee for their extensive efforts.

House Tour reported that the finances from this year's Tour are still being wrapped up. Candlelight Tour will once again be cancelled this year, but there will be a holiday-themed model train display at the Exhibit Hall the weekend following the December General Membership meeting/holiday party.

HPF reported that Julian Jackson has been hired as the full-time Executive Director of the Foundation, and that the Foundation is hoping to keep the Exhibit Hall open all winter, at least Friday-Sunday. Volunteers are thus needed and always welcome. Committee Chairs are asked to submit any requests for HPF building usage for 2022 to Jim Badali as early as possible.

NPS reported good visitation numbers to the Monument so far, and that requests from school groups are increasing; Rangers have also been traveling to schools for presentations and information to students. NPS has signed a Cooperative Agreement with IDNR, and the two entities will be developing a General Management Plan together.

Old Business:

- Trunk or Treat was a success, and anyone who noted a fewer number of door-to-door trick -or- treaters this year are encouraged to participate in next year's iteration in order to help expand its reach.
- Open volunteer opportunities remain, in particular for Block Captains for the 111<sup>th</sup> block of St. Lawrence East and 112<sup>th</sup> block of Champlain West.

**New Business:**

- A Veterans Day event will take place in front of Pullman Elementary on November 11, at 11:00AM. Boy Scouts will be on hand for color guard, and Fred Ortiz will be speaking at the ceremony. A coffee and donuts reception will be held afterward at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center.
- Condolences were expressed to the friends and family of Fred Fallin on his recent passing.
- NPCA will be providing pizza and beverages at the November General Membership meeting.
- An announcement was made that Principal Salter of Pullman Elementary is currently seeking donations of various items to help two families of Pullman Elementary who were recently displaced by a fire. Those interested are encouraged to contact Principal Salter at [rsalter@cps.edu](mailto:rsalter@cps.edu). Discussion was held about other opportunities to collect donations from the community and further support the families.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:37PM M/S/P (LC/ML)