

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – December 8, 2021

In Attendance: Vice President John Lydon, Treasurer Debbie Newman, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad (also Beman), Zone Directors Tom McMahon, Susan Schoephoester (also Hospitality), Margaret Kania, Megan Lydon (also Beman); HPF Representative Jim Badali; Fernando Rosique & Claudia Flores (Membership), Cindy McMahon (House Tour); Beverly Ash-Larson & Bob Bushwaller (Vision), Tom Shepherd (Black History Month)

The President not being in attendance and a quorum having been established, Vice President Lydon convened the meeting at 7:34PM.

November Executive Board Minutes were circulated in advance.

Motion: To adopt the November Executive Board Minutes as posted. M/S/P (DN/JB)

Treasurer reported an Opening balance of \$33,106.83 and a Closing balance of \$30,929.32 for the month of November, broken up as follows: Operating: \$20,512.24; Façade: \$5,570.70; Kirchner: \$1,414.23; Savings: \$3,432.15. The report will be filed for audit. Further, the Treasurer reported an Opening balance of \$37,982.15 and a Closing balance of \$38,082.30 for the House Tour Fund. House Tour Committee reported also that the net proceeds for this year's House Tour was \$15,078.59, resulting in an allocation of \$7,539.30 to the Beman Committee Façade Reimbursement Program, the deposit to be made at a future date.

Membership Committee reported that there are 296 total active members to date.

Beman Committee announced that there is one more Reimbursement left to pay out, and reminded all that Applications for the 2022 cycle are due December 31.

Education Committee [John Lydon] reported that the donations to the families of Pullman Elementary displaced by fire will be delivered this Friday, and that the families expressed their thanks. Additionally, Pullman Elementary has committed to participating in the Christmas Eve car parade by placing Santa decorations in their windows.

Vision Committee announced that its one-sheet Priority Action Survey has been widely disseminated, but that it will be re-presented at the December General Membership meeting in the hopes of eliciting a greater response. Furthermore, the Committee is in discussion with the President about convening a special meeting with the Committee and the Executive Board, date and time TBD.

Bylaws Committee [Tom McMahon] reported that the Committee had been formed (comprised of members Larry Lagadinos (Co-Chair), Patrick Watson (Co-Chair), Lorraine Brochu, Beverly Ash-Larson, Wyatt Ollestad, Mike Mishler, and Tom McMahon) and is planning to hold its first meeting the week of January 12.

HPF reported that the Exhibit Hall will be open Tuesday-Thursday the week between Christmas and New Year's, and that the plan currently is for it to stay open on weekends throughout the winter until at least February.

Black History Month Committee announced that it has met a few times, and that the tentative two events planned for February are 'Local Black Authors', to be held at the Greenstone Church (currently scheduled for February 13, though subject to change) and 'Traditions In African Cuisine' to be held at the police station February 27 starting at 3:00PM. Members are welcome to join the Committee to help plan.

Old Business:

- Open volunteer opportunities remain, in particular for a Block Captain for the 111th block of St. Lawrence.

New Business:

- The PCO Holiday Party is next week, and the Hospitality Committee is currently planning the setup and inventorying currently available materials
- From December 17-19, a *Polar Express*-themed model train display will be featured at the Exhibit Hall
- Thanks were given to all who joined their neighbors at the recent Blue Island Christmas parade
- The Christmas Eve car parade is a Go – those interested in participating are encouraged to gather at the Exhibit Hall starting at 5:30PM, and all are encouraged to view from their porches and ring bells as the parade makes its way through the streets starting at 6:00. Further details will be in this month's Flyer
- Information and registrations for the CTA's Red Line Extension Community meetings have been shared on social media
- Blue Door will be hosting a Health & Wellness Soiree at their location on 111th St. on Saturday
- Condolences were expressed to the friends and family of Pete (owner of Cal Harbor), Reggie Hughes, and Rick Murray from the Mudcats on their recent passing
- On Sunday, December 19, at 6:00PM the Greenstone Church will be hosting a boys' choir concert
- The Greenstone will also be performing 'midnight' (actually 10:30PM) services on Christmas Eve

Motion to adjourn at 8:14PM M/S/P (TMcM/ML)