

## Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – July 13, 2022

In Attendance: President John Lydon, Vice President Kathy Lynch, Treasurer Elizabeth Mishler, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad (also Beman), Zone Directors Harriette Burks-Watson, Lynne Collins, Susan Schoephoester (also Hospitality), Margaret Kania, Beatrice Hardy; HPF Representative Jim Badali; Claudia Flores and Fernando Rosiquez (Membership), Andreas Morgen (Community Improvement); Debbie Newman, Marnee Schereck

A quorum having been established, President Lydon convened the meeting at 7:40PM.

Brief introductions and welcomes were shared amongst those gathered.

Draft June Executive Board & General Membership Minutes were circulated in advance and posted to the website.

**Motion:** To adopt the June Executive Board Minutes as posted. M/S/P (LC/JB)

DN reported on behalf of the Treasury an opening balance of \$32,843.30 and a closing balance of \$33,818.01 for the month of June, broken up as follows: Operating: \$18,830.72; Façade: \$10,140.75; Kirchner: \$1,414.23; Savings: \$3,432.31.

Additionally, DN reported on behalf of the Treasury an opening balance of \$45,097.83 and a closing balance of \$29,767.02 for the House Tour Fund for the month of June.

Membership Committee reported that there were 162 members to date, with several new and renewal memberships recently also having been received.

A desire for additional members for the Safety Committee was expressed, especially with regard to someone to coordinate communications.

A few new neighbor welcomes to the community were noted.

Community Improvement Committee announced that the light in Arcade Park across from 11146 St. Lawrence is back on, but the one at about 11130 is out again; additionally, a service request has been entered for the light just south of the Hotel that is out. Further, the concrete patch on the sidewalk on the 111<sup>th</sup> block of St. Lawrence has been filled in, along with some potholes on the street. The Committee Chair also has an inquiry in regarding what other capital improvements might be forthcoming in the neighborhood.

DEI Committee [HB-W, EM] reported that it was currently discussing the content for its forthcoming facilitator event, as well as an appropriate space for said event. The Committee's next meeting is Tuesday, and a larger update at the General Membership meeting this month is hoped-for.

It was announced that houses are very much needed for this year's House Tour.

HPF announced that its regular hours, Tuesday-Sunday from 10:00AM-3:00PM, have resumed, and that volunteers are always needed. There will be a speaker event featuring Colleen Callahan from IDNR at the

Greenstone Church on Sunday, July 17, from 4:00-5:00 PM. The event is free to HPF members, \$10 to the general public.

It was announced that the National Park will continue its health-centered events the second and third Saturdays of each month for the foreseeable future, and that its 4<sup>th</sup>-grader explorer program is also continuing and has been a success.

**Old Business:**

- The PCO has received a Certificate of Recognition from the American Red Cross, for its participation in the ARC's Sound the Alarm event.
- The transition process for the incoming Executive Board is ongoing, and is hoped to be fully complete by the time of the next Exec meeting.

**New Business:**

- An animal blessing event will be held on Sunday, October 2, with both Fr. Mark and Rev. Mason participating. The organizers are seeking PCO sponsorship, which will be solicited at the General Membership meeting.
- Andy Bullen will be giving a presentation about the Pullman Building at the July General Membership meeting.
- Pullman Tech will be presenting at the August General Membership meeting.
- A data-gathering survey will be going out to the community via the Flyer and the General Membership meeting, primarily related to residents' preferred methods of communication
- There will be a block party on the 114<sup>th</sup> block of Forrestville on Sunday, August 21, from 11:00AM-3:00PM, with the hopes that many in the community will attend and information can be gathered therefrom for how Zone Directors and Block Captains may initiate their own block parties.
- Open volunteer opportunities remain.

It was also reiterated that Flyer content is due to the Editor on the first day of each month.

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:00PM M/S/P (LC/JB)

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary