

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – October 12, 2022

In Attendance: President John Lydon, Vice President Kathy Lynch, Treasurer Elizabeth Mishler, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad (also Beman), Zone Directors Darrell Hill, Lynne Collins, Susan Schoephoester (also Hospitality), and Margaret Kania; Andy Morgen (Community Improvement), Lorraine Brochu (Communications), Tom McMahon (Safety); Marnee Schereck

A quorum having been established, President Lydon convened the meeting at 7:37PM.

Andy and Marnee thanked the PCO for its sponsorship of the Animal Blessing, and announced that the event was a success. Approximately \$1950 was raised, with approximately \$440 from donations still forthcoming. Expenses were minimal, and the proceeds will be divided amongst the participating organizations of the Greenstone, St. Anthony's, and Flint Creek Wildlife.

In partial follow-up to the standing discussion regarding the PCO's goals vis-a-vis the Knoster Model, the President announced that a Community Interest Survey will be in this month's Flyer, with the primary goal of gauging community interest in especially Committee participation. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to members who they think might be interested in participating in a Committee.

The President appointed Tom McMahon as Chair of the Safety Committee.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of Tom McMahon as Chair of the Safety Committee. M/S/P (LC/SS)

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

Motion: To adopt the September Executive Board Minutes as posted. M/S/P (DH/KL)

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$28,459.77 and a closing balance of \$28,579.88 for the House Tour Fund for the month of September.

Additionally, the Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$30,328.96 and a closing balance of \$28,829.08 for the PCO account for the month of September, partially broken up as follows: Façade: \$9,140.75; Savings: \$3,432.39. The report will be filed for audit.

Beman Committee thanked all those who participated in any capacity for this year's House Tour, and reminded that the Application and Guidelines for its Façade Reimbursement Program would be made available starting November, with Applications due back December 31.

Education Committee reported that lead removal is underway at Pullman Elementary and will continue for several more weeks, to be conducted primarily in the evening.

Safety Committee reported that Beat meetings have resumed an in-person format, and that residents are encouraged to attend. Further, the new District Commander is interested in speaking at a forthcoming General Membership meeting, possibly that of November's.

Hospitality Committee discussed possibilities for putting on a Dia de los Muertos event in conjunction with the Greenstone. The Chair will follow up with Rev. Mason regarding such, and will announce and

detail any event that comes to fruition as early as possible. Further, it was stated that that Trunk or Treat event will take place from 4:00-7:00 on October 31 in the parking lot of the Exhibit Hall, but that if weather proves inclement the event may have to be cancelled. Additionally, the 005 District will be once again hosting their haunted house attraction that night.

Communication Committee reported that it is evaluating the current methods of communication used by the PCO, as well as considering options for the future.

DEI Committee reported that a facilitator is close to being secured, and that the Committee will be meeting again in two weeks.

Garden Club announced that its hosting of the House Tour Preview Night reception was a success, and that it will be planting bulbs in the next few weeks.

Per HPF, Lee Bey will be speaking at the Greenstone on Sunday from 4:00-5:00 as part of its speaker series.

It was announced that PullmanArts' Culture Fest would be taking place this Saturday in Arcade Park from 12:00-8:00PM.

It was further announced that the 9th Ward Resource Fair would be October 27 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at the Pullman Community Center.

Discussions were held regarding a PCO Veterans Day event, with the consensus being that such an event should be held during the day on Veterans Day, with a possible evening component to be added for those unable to attend.

Motion to adjourn at 9:29PM M/S/P (DH/SS)

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary