

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – October 19, 2022

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

President Lydon: encouraged those gathered to consider questions in the framework of degree of being compelling, authenticity, inclusivity, efficacy, and efficiency, rather than ‘right’ or wrong’; detailed the reasons for the lack of recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of meetings; and convened a brief greeting period in which members were encouraged to greet each other with consideration towards recent neighborhood activities, among other topics of thought.

Following a detailing of the agenda for the meeting, the following recaps regarding recent neighborhood events were given:

- House Tour [Margaret Kania]: the volunteer kick-off event was a success; volunteers for the Tour were almost all present; work is already underway for next year’s Tour; ticket sales were an overall success but lower than last year; and thanks were given to the Lagadinos’s for their hosting of various events over that weekend, and to all volunteers and homeowners
- Pet Blessing [Andy Morgen and Marnee Schereck]: thanks were given to: the PCO, St. Anthony’s, and the Greenstone for sponsoring the event, the HPF for the use of the grounds, the volunteers and donors, the musicians, and Andy Bullen for his minstrel work; the food was well-received; \$2350 total was raised, and \$154 in expenses incurred; \$2121 in proceeds is to be split amongst the Greenstone, St. Anthony’s, and Flint Creek Wildlife
- Arts & Culture Fest [John Lydon]: the event was wildly successful, despite the cold weather; the PullmanArts board is hoping to move the event to an earlier weekend next year
- Other forthcoming events include:
 - o CPD Community Conversation – Thursday, October 22, 6:00PM
 - o 9th Ward Community Meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 6:30-7:30PM
 - o 9th Ward Fall Resource Fair – Thursday, October 27, 10:00AM-2:00PM at the Pullman Community Center
 - o NPS Fireside Stories & Blues – Saturday, October 29, 4:30-6:00PM with ‘ghost tours’ by the HPF
 - o Trunk or Treat – Halloween Monday, October 31, 4:00-8:00PM in the Exhibit Hall parking lot
 - o 005 District Haunted House – Halloween Monday, October 31
 - o National Bison Day – Saturday, November 5, by the NPS
 - o Veterans Day – November 11, 11:00AM at the memorial in front of Pullman Elementary, with a reception to follow at 614 E. 113th St. afterwards; a lecture hosted by the NPS will also be held that day

A Committee Interest Survey was distributed to those gathered, with responses asked for relating to individuals’ awareness of and interest in the PCO’s various Committees; additionally, topics of Community Conversation were detailed both as standalone topics and in their relation to the PCO’s Committees and goals. Subsequent discussion was held.

President Lydon announced that Lorraine Brochu is the Chair of the Communications Committee.

Secretary reported that the Draft September General Membership and October Executive minutes had been posted in advance online; there being a request to correct the September General Membership minutes to reflect that the House Tour volunteer reception was held at 605 E. 111th St.

Motion: To adopt the September General Membership minutes, with correction. [M/S/P Lynne Collins, Darrell Hill]

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

Additionally, the Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$32,555.16 and a closing balance of \$32,055.31 for the month of September, with the current Savings balance being \$3,432.39.

Membership Committee provided a report that there were 231 members to date.

Beman Committee thanked all who participated in House Tour in any fashion, and announced that the Application and Guidelines for its Façade Reimbursement Program would be made available in November and due back by December 31.

It was announced that Tom McMahon had been appointed as Chair of the Safety Committee.

For Announcements/New Business/Open Forum:

- Lynne Collins on behalf of the Safety Committee reported that the Beat 531 meeting from the previous night had approximately 20 residents of the community attend, and thanks were given to those who did; topics of discussion were primarily related to vehicle theft and damage to property; the next meeting will be November 15 at 6:00PM
- Community Improvement reported that the street lights along Cottage Grove in front of the Monument and north of 107th St. on the east side were back on, but that those in Arcade Park and along 114th St. are still out – the Chair will be following up with the Park Superintendent and police regarding the former; it was further stated that Doty Ave. at least in front of Kragness Animal Hospital is currently being worked on
- Thanks were given to Tony Dzik for his excellent work on the Pet Blessing event poster
- Discussion was held regarding recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of General Membership meetings

Motion: To include the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of General Membership meetings [M/S John Cwenkala, Rachel Smith]

Following subsequent discussion,:

Motion: To suspend the vote on the motion regarding the Pledge of Allegiance to the November General Membership meeting. [M/S/P Beverly Ash-Larson, Susan Schoeophoester]

Split the Pot was \$61 and John Lydon was the winner, he donating the winnings back to the PCO.

Motion to adjourn at 9:38PM (M/S Kathy Lynch, Elizabeth Mishler)

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary