

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – November 16, 2022

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

Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, those veterans present were recognized for their service.

A brief greeting period was held in which members were encouraged to greet each other in the format of 'five finger' biography, such biographical topics being self-empowerment, commitment, et. al.

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

- thanks were given to all who participated in the Trunk or Treat event, which was a success;
- thanks were given to all who participated in the Veterans Day event, which was also a success
- Forthcoming events include:
 - o NPS Open House regarding its General Management Plan – November 17, 10:00AM, via Zoom;
 - o the NPS' Yoga In the Park will resume, now taking place indoors, at 10:00AM on select Saturdays;
 - o local Thanksgiving-related events include those at Roseland Community Hospital November 19 at 10:00AM, and at the Greenstone November 19 at 2:00PM;
 - o HPF's next speaker event, featuring Mike Raia – November 20, 4:00PM at the Greenstone;
 - o 005 District's tree lighting ceremony – December 2, 6:00-8:00PM;
 - o PullmanArts' gallery open house and market – December 3, 4:00-8:00PM;
 - o winter solstice labyrinth walk – December 21, prior to the PCO holiday party, at Gateway Garden;
 - o a presentation by Mark Doyle of Veteran Roasters will take place at a forthcoming General Membership meeting, rescheduled from this meeting, and both a brief biography of Mr. Doyle and overview of the proposed Veteran Roasters location in Pullman was given;
 - a request for photos of any Pullman veterans was made for a proposed art installation at said location, with such photos to be sent to President Lydon or to any Officer of the PCO.

The DEI Committee presented its recommendation of efforts for the community, including its recent securing of a facilitator to lead both initial surveying of community members and a subsequent six-week program that is to yield a self-growing group of volunteers to expand efforts throughout the area. Further details included that the Committee is partnering with the HPF on this effort; the \$10,000 donated by Amazon for such purpose has been allocated to a fiscal agent with said agent also being supplied with a preliminary budget for the program; and that the program is scheduled to begin on January 10 and those interested in participating should contact members of the DEI Committee.

Motion: To approve the recommendation of the DEI Committee as presented. [M/S/P Darrell Hill, Lynne Collins]

President Lydon announced that:

- the recent Committee Interest Survey has yielded almost double the amount of Committee participation as prior to;
- a Black History Month Committee would soon be active; and
- Zone Director emails are back up and running.

Secretary reported that the Draft October General Membership and November Executive minutes had been posted in advance online.

Motion: To adopt the October General Membership minutes as posted and read. [M/S/P Lynne Collins, Margaret Kania]

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$32,055.31 and a closing balance of \$32,290.74 for the month of October, broken up partially as follows: Façade: \$9,140.75; Savings: \$3,432.41.

Additionally, the Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$28,579.88 and a closing balance of \$42,303.44 for the House Tour Fund for the month of October.

Safety Committee reported that 20-22 people attended the recent CAPS meeting, and thanked all who did. The Committee's forthcoming article for the Flyer will detail collected crime prevention ideas, but among other takeaways from the meeting: owners of Kias are recommended to remain vigilant as those vehicles are easy to steal, and residents are recommended to keep any remote alarm keys they may have close by in the night and sound their car's alarm if they detect any catalytic converter theft. The next CAPS meeting will take place in January.

It was announced that:

- community members will once again be participating in the Blue Island Light Parade, scheduled for December 3, with those interested to meet in the Visitor Center parking lot before the event;
- the holiday car caravan will once again take place this year, on December 24; and
- the 005 District needs donated toys for its tree lighting event, with those wishing to donate toys recommended to drop them off at the Visitor Center by December 1.

Hospitality Committee reported that venues for the PCO holiday party are being considered, narrowed down to the Greenstone and Pullman Tech Workshop, with determination of a venue forthcoming.

Tom Shepherd announced that he'd be willing to chair the Black History Month ad hoc Committee, and that some members have already expressed interest in participating in said Committee. Anyone else willing to participate should contact Tom.

Beman Committee announced that the Application and Guidelines for its 2023 Façade Reimbursement Program are now available, in person at this meeting, online on the PCO website, and by contacting pcobemancommittee@gmail.com.

Community Improvement Committee reported that the street lights along 111th St. are off and the Chair is in touch with the Alderman's office regarding these, and that the ones in Arcade Park are back on but the ones on Forrestville, 114th, and just south of the Hotel are still off.

Discussion was held regarding the prior **Motion**: to include the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of General Membership meetings. Following said discussion, the Motion was passed.

For Announcements/New Business/Open Forum:

- Mention was made that the community has greater strength of input on the NPS/State's General Management Plan as a collective rather than as individuals, and any thoughts on said Plan should be communicated to President Lydon for collection;
- Thanks were given to all who participated in and supported the recent pancake breakfast event at St. George & St. Matthias Church; and
- Pullman Morris & Sword will once again be caroling this year, on December 17, and anyone interested in being caroled or singing should contact a member of Pullman Morris & Sword.

Welcomes were given to new residents Calvin Harris, Brent LaRue, and Pat & Lisa Ward.

Split the Pot was \$38 and Mike Mishler was the winner, he donating the winnings back to the PCO.

Motion to adjourn at 9:12PM [M/S/P Lynne Collins, Pat Brannon]

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary