

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – January 18, 2023

President John Lydon convened the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Brief greetings were performed and the meeting agenda detailed, as a quorum was established as of 7:50PM.

President Lydon supplied those gathered with the PCO Appreciation Form, which allows neighbors to recognize those for whom they would like to express gratitude. The results of the community's responses to the Form will be published in the February edition of the Flyer.

Beman Committee presented its Preservation Excellence Awards for 2023, and reported the recipients of its Façade Reimbursement Program for 2023.

President Lydon provided an overview of upcoming community events, as follows:

- a dry pet food pantry January 20, 10:00AM-12:00PM, at the 9th Ward Service Office;
- a Chicago Neighborhood Summit, which the President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be attending;
- Yoga In the Park, which will be held in the community room at the 005 District station beginning in February;
- the 'Adopt A Garden Bed In Pullman' speaker event presented by the Garden Club, Sunday, January 22, at 2:00PM in the Classroom at the Clock Tower;
- a 9th Ward Community Meeting Tuesday, January 24 6:30-7:30PM at Pullman Presbyterian Church;
- a press release event surrounding the recent National Historical Park designation that may result in increased local traffic on January 20, as well as a community event regarding the same topic Friday, January 27 at 10:00AM; and
- Garden Club's annual membership dinner, Wednesday, February 1, 6:30PM at 614 E. 113th St.

Andy Bullen announced that he will begin his 'Fifth Sunday' series of speaking events Sunday, January 29 at 2:00PM at the Exhibit Hall, the first topic for which will be Pullman's Antarctic Explorer.

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

Motion: To adopt the November and December General Membership minutes as posted.
[M/S/P Pat Brannon, Susan James]

Treasurer reported a closing balance of \$36,161.98 for the House Tour Fund for the month of December, reflecting the \$5,617.20 deposit into the PCO account for the Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program.

Additionally, the Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$31,851.87 and a closing balance of \$39,990.20 for the PCO account for the month of December, reflecting the above-mentioned deposit as well as Split the Pot, membership dues, Flyer subscriptions, ad revenue, and interest gains. The report will be filed for audit.

Hospitality Committee thanked everyone who helped make the PCO Holiday Party a success, and asked that any ideas for new events be communicated to Margaret and/or Susan.

Community Improvement reported that the streetlights along 115th St. east of Doty, and those reported as being off in Arcade Park, are back on; but the light just south of the Hotel and those along 111th St. between Cottage Grove and Champlain remain off.

Membership Committee reported that there are 239 members to date, and gave thanks to Zone Directors and Block Captains who helped secure memberships.

President Lydon announced that the current photography exhibit at Exhibit Hall is to be dismantled, to make way for a new exhibit celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Historic Pullman Foundation.

Garden Club expressed thanks to Ranger Quinn for the labyrinth experience at Gateway Garden the night of the PCO Holiday Party.

President Lydon:

- thanked Tom & Mike McMahon and Claudia for the model train exhibit over the holiday season;
- announced that the DEI Committee had launched its initiative as of the previous Tuesday, and that its program will continue over the next six weeks. Spaces are open for the program's second cohort, and those interested in participating should contact John or Cheryl; and
- announced that two additional members are needed to round out the Nominating Committee, and those interested in participating should contact John, Wyatt, Beverly, or Cheryl.

For Announcements/New Business/Open Forum:

- work on Pullman Elementary continues, at night;
- the public garbage can to the southeast of Pullman Elementary has been removed entirely, after having not been emptied on a consistent basis. A new can has been promised, and the Community Improvement Chair will follow-up with the Alderman's Office to ensure its installation;
- it is hoped that the PCO will hold an Aldermanic Forum prior to the upcoming election;
- the previously scheduled speaker from the November General Membership meeting remains postponed; and
- the student who had been interviewing residents for his Master's thesis is still following up with those who expressed interest and conducting interviews.

Harriette Burks-Watson was the winner of Split the Pot.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38PM [M/S/P Andy Bullen, Kathy Lynch]

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary