

## Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – January 11, 2023

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), and Margaret Kania; HPF Representative Jim Badali; Claudia Flores (Membership), Lorraine Brochu (Communication), Tom McMahon (Safety), Pat Brannon (House Tour); Beverly Ash-Larson

A quorum having been established, President Lydon convened the meeting at 7:36PM.

Thanks were given to all who helped out with the PCO Holiday Party.

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

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

Treasurer reported that the \$5,617.20 deposit for the Beman Committee's Façade Reimbursement Program had been made from the House Tour Fund to the PCO account, yielding a closing balance of \$36,161.98 for the House Tour Fund for the month of December, and a closing balance of \$39,990.22 for the PCO account. Ad revenue in amounts of \$450 and \$1,875 had also been received into the PCO account, and yielding the aforementioned closing balance.

It was announced that a celebration to note the recent designation of Pullman as a National Historical Park would take place January 19 starting at 9:30AM, with the program itself beginning at 10:00AM, at the Visitor Center.

Hospitality Committee reported that the PCO Holiday Party was a success, and noted that various personal items from the event are currently being held ready for pickup by their owners. The Committee's next meeting will be on Monday.

It was announced that Tom Shepherd was no longer involved in the Black History Month Ad Hoc Committee, but that the National Park Service had secured its speaker for its event currently scheduled to take place February 25 at the Greenstone. The NPS will have a meeting on the matter Friday, January 13, at 1:00PM in the multipurpose room of the Visitor Center.

Safety Committee reported that the next CAPS meeting will be on January 17 at 6:00PM at the Greenstone, and that the next Committee meeting will take place that same date and location, at 5:45PM.

Beman Committee announced that six applications for its Façade Reimbursement Program for 2023 had been received, and that recipients will be announced at the January General Membership meeting. The Committee will also present its annual Stewardship Awards at that same meeting.

Communication Committee reported that it is current working on website revisions, as well as investigating the recent community survey results with the aim of channeling that data into a statement to further serve and/or define the PCO.

Community Improvement reported via the President that it is currently investigating multiple streetlights that are out throughout the community.

Membership Committee reported that five new memberships were received in December, and that the total number of members to date is 239. Additionally, Fernando and Claudia will resign as Chair of the Committee at the conclusion of the current membership year.

House Tour Committee reported that the dates for the 2023 House Tour are currently set at October 7 and 8, and that the Committee is looking for houses.

DEI Committee reported that members for its first cohort had been secured, with that cohort's 6-week program commencing on January 16 at 6:30PM and continuing therefrom each Tuesday at the same time, excepting Tuesday, February 14. The second cohort currently has openings, and those interested in participating are welcome to apply.

Garden Club announced that it will be hosting its 'Adopt a Garden In Pullman' lecture featuring Grace Cruz in co-sponsorship with the NPS January 22 at 2:00PM at the Visitor Center.

Historic Pullman Foundation announced that the Exhibit Hall is now closed for the season, through the end of February. The photo exhibit currently on display there is currently being removed, which will also hopefully result in greater physical space available for PCO General Membership meetings, in favor of the next exhibit that will celebrate 50 years of the HPF.

It was announced that:

- the PCO had received an invitation to the Chicago Neighborhood Summit 2023, taking place Saturday, January 21 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM, at Malcolm X College, with pre-registration needed by January 18. Those interested in attending and representing the community are encouraged to contact President Lydon;
- the Chicago mayoral election will take place February 28, and will include ballots also for the Alderman and the newly formed Police District Council;
- Pullman resident Betty Pavlas had recently passed away, as well as relatives of several Pullman residents; and
- appointments to the Nominating Committee are to be made in January.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:40PM (KL/WO)

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary