

## Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – March 8, 2023

In Attendance: President John Lydon, Vice President Kathy Lynch, Treasurer Elizabeth Mishler, Secretary Wyatt Ollestad (also Beman), Zone Directors Darrel Hill, Harriette Burks-Watson, Lynne Collins, Susan Schoephoester (also Hospitality), and Margaret Kania; Tom McMahon (Safety); Beverly Ash-Larson, Susan James, Bob Bushwaller

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

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

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

Treasurer reported a closing balance of \$36,162.26 for the House Tour Fund for the month of February, and a closing balance of \$31,239.11 for the Operating Fund of the PCO account, with the current Statement balance thereof being \$32,906.37.

Nominating Committee reported that the slate had been determined, and would be reported at the March General Membership meeting.

Hospitality Committee reported that the recent Black History Month event was a success, and that all collaborators were pleasurable to work with. Additionally, the Committee is considering destinations for the Summer Outing, with Starved Rock currently being the primary option. The Committee is also working on putting together a Spring Fling event, preferably at the Hotel, for an evening in April or May. Further details will be forthcoming.

Beman Committee announced that its recent Permit Workshop was a success, that the façade documentation for the northern part of the Historic District is nearing completion, and announced that further details regarding programming throughout the summer will be provided at a later date.

President Lydon mentioned under the report of the Communication Committee that a request had been made to compile Patty Lawson's 'From the Dining Car' Flyer articles into a singular collection thereof. Following discussion, it was determined that further details regarding the nature of the completed compilation were needed.

Safety Committee reported that the recent incident of indecent exposure occurring in front of Pullman Elementary had been reported to the police, but which unfortunately did not in turn result in a formal police report. The Chair thus recommended that anyone reporting crimes to the police but who do not feel they are getting sufficient service therefrom ask for a supervisor when they call in. Failing that, residents are encouraged to contact the Chair. Additionally, the Chair reported that Tom McMahon received the second most votes in the recent 005 District Council election, with the final vote to be tallied March 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks were given to those who were voted and offered their support.

President Lydon reported on behalf of the Community Improvement Chair that the streetlights along Cottage Grove in front of the Clock Tower and at the overpass at 115<sup>th</sup> St. that are out have been reported. Inquiry was made as to when the forthcoming community cleanup would be scheduled.

Bob Bushwaller, on behalf of the Local School Council, reflected frustration from the perimeter residents of Pullman Elementary due to the ongoing work being performed on the building, and announced that the school would be hosting a community meeting on Tuesday, March 14, from 5:00PM-6:00PM in the school's assembly hall to address those concerns. Members of the CPS Capital Improvements Committee are scheduled to be in attendance, and Principal Salter is planning on having the vehicles parked along the perimeter of the school flyer'd with an announcement of said meeting.

Garden Club announced that the next lecture in its series will be taking place Sunday, March 26 starting at 2:00PM in the Clock Tower Classroom and featuring James Montgomery to discuss soil testing.

For Strategic Planning initiatives, the President reported that he'd follow-up with the Communication Committee regarding best options for email communications for the PCO, and recommended that the Board also lend their thought to such options.

For Discussions, Announcements, and Appreciations:

- President Lydon announced that he had recorded an interview with Mark Doyle of Veteran Roasters, addressing the community questions that were brought up at the February General Membership meeting, and that said interview might be played at a forthcoming General Membership meeting;
- It was announced that Margaret Kania would have to be leaving her position as Zone 3 Director, and that the Nominating Committee had factored this absence into its slate;
- Ideas regarding training for incoming Board members were discussed, including a Google module repository, provision of Bylaws to incoming Officers, and an informational meeting;
- The PCO will be renewing its membership for Landmarks Illinois;
- The previously discussed owners of Ware Ranch Steakhouse as guest speakers for the March General Membership meeting may have to be reconsidered;
- National Trust for Historic Preservation offers homeowners insurance, and Bob Bushwaller will be investigating further;
- Roseland Community Medical District now has enough Commissioners, one of which is Darrell Hill, and its current plans have been approved by the Department of Planning - a presentation to the PCO may be forthcoming; and
- Appreciations were given by and to Margaret Kania for dedication to the community.

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:02PM (LC/DH)

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary