

## Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – April 19, 2023

A quorum having been established, President John Lydon convened the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Brief greetings were given to visitors Mr. and Mrs. Rosiquez.

Following the detailing of the meeting's Agenda, a presentation was given by Pat Shymanski of the Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation, Pullman House Project, and Pullman Club Coffee Shop, announcing that the Coffee Shop's grand opening would take place on April 22, with normal business hours (currently proposed to be 7:00AM-7:00PM Mon.-Fri. and 8:00AM-5:00PM weekends) likely beginning a few weeks after National Park Week. The number of new hires potentially needed for the shop will likely be determined at the end of May.

Upcoming events were detailed, including:

- the Beman Committee's guest presentation on April 22;
- Cindy McMahon's lecture on April 23;
- Railroad Days May 20 & 21 and the need for volunteers therefor;
- Yoga In the Parks' new location at the Pullman Community Center;
- Pullman Reads event featuring The Edge of Anarchy April 26;
- Coffee with the [NPS] Superintendent April 28;
- Fireside Poetry & Jazz April 29; and
- Andy Bullen's presentation about the Hotel Florence April 30 at 2:00PM at the Exhibit Hall, which is free to HPF members and \$10 for all others.

The slate of Nominees for the 2023 election was once again presented, as follows:

- President: John Lydon
- Vice President: Kathy Lynch
- Treasurer: Elizabeth Mishler
- Secretary: Lynne Collins
- Zone Directors: Darrell Hill (Zone 1), Sue James (Zone 2), Mike McMahon (Zone 3), CJ Martello (Zone 4)
- Nominating Committee 2024: Beverly Ash-Larson, Rachel Kovarsky, Claudia Flores

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

**Motion:** To adopt the March General Membership minutes as posted. [M/S/P Lynne Collins, Kathy Lynch]

Treasurer reported a closing balance of \$36,162.41 for the House Tour Fund for the month of March, reflecting an income of \$.15 for the month, and a closing balance of \$34,769.76 for the PCO account for the month of March, reflecting income of \$98 for January-March Split the Pot and \$.13 of interest, of which the Savings account also accrued \$.02. The report will be filed for audit.

Further brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of the PCO opening a CD, with the Treasurer to investigate options related thereto and follow-up with a presentation at a subsequent General Membership meeting.

It was announced that the Audit Committee is comprised of members Elizabeth Mishler, Debbie Newman, Jim Bosman, and Larry Lagadinos.

Beman Committee announced it had completed its façade documentation for the northern part of the District, and detailed its upcoming events: *Stability, Longevity & Sustainability of Historic Districts* April 22 at 1:00PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113<sup>th</sup> St.), and a presentation by students of the School of the Art Institute regarding possible adaptive reuses of Market Square May 4 at 7:00PM, also at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113<sup>th</sup> St.).

House Tour announced that the 50<sup>th</sup> House Tour will take place October 7 & 8, and that enough houses had already been secured. Partially as a result, the Committee will have its first meeting in May. Additionally, the co-Chair reported that brochures are now ready, and that advance tickets for the Tour will be \$20, with day-of tickets priced at \$27.

Hospitality Committee announced that it was planning the Summer Outing for Starved Rock sometime in July, with the group attending likely needing to leave Pullman by chartered bus sometime 7:30-8:00AM, and asked those gathered for recommendations of dates amongst July 8, 22, and 29. Additionally, the Chair seeks feedback regarding whether a school bus should be chartered, which would result in ticket prices of about \$20, or a Coach bus, which would result in a ticket price approximately double that amount.

Historic Pullman Foundation announced that it was in need of volunteers for Railroad Days May 20 & 21, and that it hopes to have a 'soft opening' of the new exhibit at Exhibit Hall prior to Railroad Days. Further, it was noted that the new exhibit will not have a ticket price associated with it, and that donations will instead be encouraged.

Split the Pot was \$28 and Beverly Carli was the winner.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:36PM [M/S/P Lynne Collins, Susan Schoephoester]

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary