

Minutes of the General Membership of the PCO – May 17, 2023

A quorum having been established, President John Lydon convened the meeting at 7:44 pm.

The slate of elected nominees for the PCO Executive Board was presented to the Membership, there having been no additions thereto.

Motion to elect the slate of nominees as presented. [M/S/P Lorraine Brochu, John Cwenkala]

President Lydon detailed news and upcoming events in the community, including:

- a new mural has been added to the viaduct at 109th St. and Cottage Grove Ave.;
- a recent fire in the middle of the 114th block of Forrestville, west, led to the displacement of two families and damage to both the building where the first started and to one of its adjoining ones, there being a GoFundMe and collection of donations currently active to support the displaced families. The President announced that any donations collected at this meeting would be given to the GoFundMe on behalf of the PCO;

Motion to donate \$200 total to the displaced families, with an allocation of \$100 to each. [M/S/P Susan Schoephoester, Lynne Collins]

Motion to also donate \$100 to Jean & Sandra, whose neighboring building was damaged in the process of putting out the fire. [M/S/P Lynne Collins, Darrell Hill]

- a community bike ride would take place on Saturday, June 10, with those participating to meet starting at 10:30AM for the ride that is to begin at 11:00AM – further details are available on social media;
- there will be another run at Big Marsh sometime in July;
- House Bill 0779 is currently making its way through State government, and those interested in learning more are encouraged to seek information via online methods and CNI's coverage thereof, also online;
- the HPF's Railroad Days is this weekend, and volunteers are still needed – those interested should contact Rebecca; and
- the Garden Club's Garden Walk has been postponed to July 22.

Community Impact Awards were distributed, recognizing Fernando Rosiquez & Claudia Flores and Wyatt Ollestad for their contributions to the community.

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

Motion: To adopt the April General Membership minutes as posted. [M/S/P Darrell Hill, Pat Brannon]

Secretary reported on behalf of the Treasurer an opening balance of \$34,769.76 for the month of April and a closing balance of \$33,606.00, broken down as follows: Operating: \$16,001.27; Façade: \$12,757.95; Kirschner: \$1,414.23; Savings: \$3,432.55. For the House Tour Fund, the

opening balance for the month of April was \$36,162.41 and the closing balance \$36,162.55, reflecting interest income of \$.14. The report will be filed for audit.

Discussion was held regarding the merits and options of the PCO opening a CD to hopefully generate more income than the current Savings account yields.

Motion to refer the matter of investment in a CD by the PCO to a Committee. [M/S/P as amended, Mike McMahon, Mike Shymanski}

Motion to amend the proposed motion to stipulate a deadline of the June General Membership meeting for said Committee's recommendation. [M/S/P John Cwenkala, Mike McMahon]

Hospitality Committee reported that the Summer Outing at Starved Rock is confirmed for Saturday, July 29, and that the anticipated cost per person is \$25-\$30. The bus to transport attendees will leave Pullman at 8:00AM that day, and depart Starved Rock at 2:00PM, with a planned stop in Utica on the return trip. Those attending are encouraged to sign up for tours in advance, and the Committee will be disseminating materials with further information online.

Beman Committee thanked those who attended its recent events, and announced that it'd be holding a hands-on masonry workshop on Saturday, June 17. Further details will be posted to social media and in the Flyer.

Community Improvement reported that Arcade Park is scheduled to be mowed prior to Railroad Days.

House Tour announced that its next meeting would be Tuesday at 6:00PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th St.), for those interested in participating in the Committee.

For Open Discussion/Announcements:

- thanks were given to everyone who attended and volunteered for the evening's Membership Drive, with special thanks given to Pullman Club Coffee for their provision of food, Darrell Hill for acting as grillmaster, and Mike McMahon for provision of his grill.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31PM [M/S/P John Cwenkala, Pat Brannon]

Submitted,
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary