

## Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – April 12, 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); HPF Representative Jim Badali; Claudia Flores (Membership), Tom McMahon (Safety), Pat Brannon (House Tour)

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

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

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

Treasurer reported that the House Tour Fund had gained \$.15 of interest in the month of March, and that the PCO account had received income of \$98 from Split the Pot in March, comprised of January, February, and March Split the Pot events. The report will be filed for audit.

An Audit Committee was appointed, comprised of members Elizabeth Mishler, Larry Lagadinos, Debbie Newman, and Jim Bosman.

Discussion was held regarding the merits of the PCO opening a CD, with the Treasurer to provide further information at the General Membership meeting.

Vice President reported that the Pullman House Project would be the guest speaker at the April General Membership meeting, and that Pullman Club Coffee will be providing refreshments at said meeting.

Nominating Committee reported that no further nominations had yet been received, and that the slate will once again be announced at the April General Membership meeting and published in the May Pullman Flyer.

Hospitality Committee reported that buses for the Summer Outing to Starved Rock are currently being sought and a date for said Outing discussed, and that further information will be presented at the General Membership meeting.

Beman Committee announced that its Façade Legacy Project for the northern part of the District is all but complete, and that it will be hosting two upcoming events: a) lecture by Keith Goad of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices regarding neighborhood sustainability through historic preservation at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113<sup>th</sup> St.) Saturday, April 22 at 1:00PM, and b) presentation by a class of School of the Art Institute Students regarding adaptive reuse of Market Square on Thursday, May 4, at 7:00PM at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113<sup>th</sup> St.). Requests in the amounts of \$200, for Keith Goad, and \$50, for Megan Lydon, in connection with these events were requested from the Committee's allocated programming budget line item. Discussion was held regarding Landmarks Illinois Driehaus Award now-open nominations and what project(s) might warrant community support for nomination.

Communication Committee announced that it had recently met and is considering various online communication and membership platforms. Brief discussion was held regarding online membership renewal options, with further investigation being deemed warranted.

Membership Committee announced that this was the current Chair's last Executive Board meeting, with said Chair ready and able to pass along all necessary information and documents to the next Chair. Following brief discussion, it was agreed that the current Chair would order physical cards for next year's membership drive.

Safety Committee reported that:

- the next CAPS meeting would take place Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00PM at the Greenstone Church;
- an attempted theft of a Hyundai on the 113<sup>th</sup> block of St. Lawrence had been thwarted by the owner's installation of a club; and
- Tom McMahon was voted onto the Police District Council, with said Council's first meeting to take place in May.

House Tour Committee that it so far has a sufficient number of houses for this year's Tour. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Committee allocating additional funds for advertising/PR for this year's Tour, given that it is the 50<sup>th</sup>.

President Lydon announced that Cheryl Briscoe had stepped down as Chair of the DEI Committee, and that its first cohort was nearing its conclusion.

Historic Pullman Foundation announced:

- April 22-30 is National Park Week;
- an outdoor cleanup hosted by the NPS and presumably co-sponsored by the PCO is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 from 9:30AM-12:00PM at the Visitor Center;
- April 22 will be the grand opening of the coffee shop;
- April 23 at 3:00PM at the Greenstone Church will be a speaker event featuring Cindy McMahon regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation; and
- Railroad Days will be May 20 & 21.

For Discussions, Announcements, and Appreciations:

- Chicago Area Runners' Association will be hosting a walk/run event at Big Marsh on May 13; and
- the Roseland Community Medical District Commission is currently looking for volunteers for its advisory board – no medical background needed.

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:10PM (LC/DH)

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary