

## Minutes of the Executive Board of the Pullman Civic Organization – June 14, 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); Andreas Morgen (Community Improvement), Lorraine Brochu (Communication); Mike McMahon, Marnee Schereck

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

Draft May Executive Board & General Membership Minutes were circulated in advance and posted to the website, there being no changes requested.

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

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$36,162.50 and a closing balance of \$35,303.76 for the House Tour Fund for the month of May, and an opening balance of \$33,606.00 and a closing balance of \$34,276.24 for the PCO account for the same month. The report will be filed for audit.

Treasurer announced that the Audit Committee had met June 1 and reviewed the period July 1 2022- May 31 2023, finding no discrepancies or errors in the bookkeeping.

Andy Morgen and Marnee Scherek detailed their plans for the Pullman Animal Blessing, currently scheduled for October 1, 2023, time TBD, as follows:

- Flint Creek Wildlife and Chicago Herpetological Society are planned to be in attendance;
- students from local schools will be invited, including the Poe Choir; and
- there will be a silent auction, vegan food, and pro bono performances by Q Kiser and Sharon Quattrain.

**Motion** to recommend to the General Membership that the PCO support the Animal Blessing event for 2023 as presented. M/S/P (LC/DH)

Hospitality Committee reported updates regarding the upcoming Summer Outing to Starved Rock on July 29, including that the coach bus will depart Pullman at the Exhibit Hall at 8:00AM and will return at 5:30PM that day. The base price to commission the bus is \$1,499, and it seats 56. Given such, and factoring in gratuity for the driver, the consensus was that the price per person/seat should be set at \$25, which would also include provided snacks. Additionally, a flyer has been created detailing the various activities available to attendees at the park that day, and containing hyperlinks for signing up thereto.

**Motion** to recommend to the General Membership the adoption of the plan for the Summer Outing as proposed. M/S/P (DH/LC)

Beman Committee announced that its mortar workshop scheduled for June 17 had reached capacity, but that the lecture component thereof will remain open to walk-up attendees. Those wishing to participate in the hands-on component are encouraged to email the Committee to express their interest, and/or simply attend regardless that day. Additionally, the Committee noted that it will host a plaster repair workshop on July 16 at 10:00AM, and a 'window expo' sometime in August. Further details will be in this month's and forthcoming Flyers.

Community Improvement Committee reported that the street light south of the Hotel has been noted by the City and that the Chair will continue to follow-up. Additionally, it was reported that several of the potholes in the neighborhood have been filled, but that a large one at 112<sup>th</sup> and St. Lawrence remains unfilled; the Chair will also continue to follow-up on it.

President Lydon presented a new Google Sheet tracking current and historical memberships that will be shared with the eventual Membership Chair and Zone Directors for monitoring and updating, as well as a new membership solicitation letter that will be going out to Zone Directors with this month's edition of the Flyer. Discussion was held regarding the Google Sheet's use and authorization, the consensus being that Zone Directors should be given access only to their respective Zones on it, and that attendance tracking at General Membership meetings warrants further discussion.

President Lydon announced that once payment has been made to Heal Chicago, they being the facilitators for the DEI Committee's first cohort, the efforts of the Committee would be paused to allow for time to determine best next steps. Heal Chicago has been in touch with the fiduciary regarding said payment.

Garden Club announced that its Garden Walk would take place on July 22 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM, and that tickets will be available via PayPal. Further details will be in the Flyer.

It was announced that the National Park Service's yoga will resume beginning this Saturday at 10:00AM, and that Pullman will be host to this year's Labor Day Parade, on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

A call was made for anyone willing to donate prepared meals, especially breakfast and dinner, for the 15-20 asylum seekers currently at the 005 District Police Station, and that those willing to do so should contact Lorraine Brochu or Ellen Garza for further information. Toiletries are also being collected, and those by and should be dropped off to JB Daniel and Amy Lindner.

Discussion was held regarding various CD options for the PCO, the consensus being to recommend to the General Membership that \$8000 from the Operating Fund be allocated to either the 7-month and 15-month options being offered by US Bank, divided evenly, or the entirety of that sum to the 11-month option being offered by same.

President Lydon announced that Darrell Hill would present at this month's General Membership meeting regarding the Roseland Medical District.

Additionally, it was announced that:

- President Lydon is currently working to have another Property After Death workshop hosted in the community;
- the Lake Calumet Bike Network Study would be hosting a meeting on Thursday, June 15 at 7:30PM at the Pullman Library; and
- there will be another Chicago Area Runners Association run at Big Marsh on July 1.

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:27PM (SS/DH)

Submitted,  
Wyatt Ollestad, Secretary