

## **Draft Pullman Civic Organization Board Meeting Minutes – 9/13/23**

PCO President John Lydon called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Recording Secretary Collins presented the August Board Minutes for approval. There was a motion to approve, following revisions: Mr. W Ollestad was asked to look into the formation of a Bylaws *Review* Committee; and a correction to the typo of Treasurer Mishler's name. M/S/P (P.B./D.H.)

Treasurer Mishler's Treasurer Report dated September 9, 2023. There was a closing balance on August 31, 2023 of \$33,376.14 in categories as follows: Operating \$8,386.54; Façade: \$11,757.95; Kirchner: \$1,414.23; Go Fund Me, for the Asylum Seekers \$384.00; Savings: \$3,433.02, with interest of \$0.13 and 15 Month CD \$8,000. The House Tour Fund balance on August 1<sup>st</sup> was \$35,304.34 and on September 1<sup>st</sup> was \$33,960.74.

President Lydon reported that Amazon Grant funds in the amount of a \$7,401.00 check was paid to Jeanne Mcinerney, for her work in DEI, from the fiduciary. A Grant balance of \$1,599.00 remains. Months have passed since the completion of the project and the fiduciary, Benford Brown & Associates, has been very difficult to work with, as there were many unanswered requests for payment before a check was issued. After discussion, there was consensus that the record should reflect that Benford Brown & Associates has not done a good job and is not recommended for future fiduciary business.

Community Updates: Changes are proposed to the 111<sup>th</sup> Street Metra Station. Artist's renditions and areas of potential effect were shared. The Acme Steel Coke Plant has been picked for EPA Superfund cleanup. Member L Brochu asked that PCO lend organizational support, by way of a letter of support to EPA, in favor of the project. There was a Motion to make a recommendation to the general membership. M/DH/SS passed unanimously.

Year 2024 Proposed PCO Budget, October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024 was presented by President Lydon and discussed. M/SS/DH in favor of approval was unanimous.

Committee Reports: Membership Co-Chair A Echols reported that there are 180 members. There was a comment that a "Finance and Marketing" ad hoc committee should be considered. The Garden Club is hosting the reception for House Tour. The Animal Blessing ad deadline is 9/15 for the Souvenir Book. Volunteers are needed from 1PM-4PM. House Tour P Brannon reported that there are 8 great homes and volunteers are needed for this, the 50<sup>th</sup> Year House Tour.

Announcements: Events, "Life Out Loud" will be in Arcade Park on 9/23 and "Back to the '70's Bike Ride and Community Party will be on 9/30. Citco was issued tickets by the City of Chicago for sanitation issues.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

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