

Pullman Civic Organization Draft General Meeting Minutes - July 19, 2023

PCO President John Lydon called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM, with greetings and announcements. Those in attendance were asked to fill out forms to express how they would like to see the Hotel Florence, reimaged. The collective suggestions will be used to provide feedback to those seeking to pass HB 2878 an Illinois House Bill that contains the Reimagining of the Hotel Florence Act language.

Tom McMahon was called upon to provide an update on the activities of the Police District Council and Sue Bennett, National Park Service gave information about the NPS Explorers summer program for youths. The Chicago Federation of Labor will host the Labor Day Parade, in Pullman, this year.

Pullman resident Nancy Johnson informed the PCO that the “Asylum Seekers,” currently 14 persons, rely on community members for support. There was a Motion by DH/SS, to start a “Go Fund Me” account to benefit The Asylum Seekers with \$500 from Treasury reserves. The motion passed, with one person voting against the motion.

On Sunday, August 13th, residents from the 114th Block of Forrestville will have a Block Party. All are invited, from 11AM-4PM.

Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2023, were read by the Secretary and there was a Motion to approve by DH/EK with one correction: Payments can be made on July 19th at the *Exhibit Hall* for the annual Summer Outing to Starved Rock State Park.

Treasurer (EM) reported an opening balance on June 1st in categories as follows: Operating \$17,754.23; Façade \$11,757.95; Kirchner \$1,414.23; and Savings \$3,432.75. There was \$2,500 in income from Landmarks Illinois; the Charitable Fund Illinois Form has been filed, and the Annual Insurance Premium was paid for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. The closing balance was \$34,259.16

Lights and potholes were reported fixed by A Morgen. A report for Beamon Committee was given by W Ollestad, including a thank you to A Bullen and an announcement that there will be a Window Expo, with “Landmark Approved” Windows at the Clock Tower, August 19, 2023 from 1PM-4PM. Pullman architectural drawings can be accessed at, www.Pullman-Museum.org Questions were asked and answered.

C McMahon announced a House Tour meeting coming up on Tuesday, and Pullman House Tour commemorative license plates will be available August 4, 2023, for those who have already paid for them.

With no further business to address, a “Split the Pot” drawing was held and \$82 was split. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Collins, Recording Secretary