

Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation

Mid July 2022 Newsletter



Summer Greetings, Colorado P.E.O. Sisters!

Following our annual meeting in conjunction with the 2022 Colorado State Convention, the **CPCC Board of Directors** had a busy June. We re-organized with new officers, and interviewed applicants and selected members of the ad hoc committee to propose the new Chapter House Project. See the announcements below.

We sincerely appreciate the support we received for the amendments approved at our annual meeting. These amendments focused on updating our CPCC Bylaws so they reflect the current situations and practices of our state corporation. During this coming year your board of directors, with the advice of the ad hoc committee, will be working to develop a new Chapter House Project. We will attempt to keep you informed when that proposal takes shape. Please watch this space!

Your CPCC board of directors will meet on Monday, August 8, at 4:00 p.m. The location of this meeting and/or the Zoom link have not yet been decided. Please contact the CPCC chair if you have information to share with the board and wish to attend the meeting.

With thanks and P.E.O. love, Diane

2022-2023 CPCC Board of Directors

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Donating Made Easy!

During these challenging economic times donating to the Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation is easy. Individually, you can do it while you are shopping, and it won't cost you a penny more!

If you shop at Kroger/King Soopers and/or online with Amazon Smile, simply connect your account to CPCC. These companies send CPCC a percentage each quarter. Your contribution may seem small, but together those small amounts add up!

Here's the information you need to make the connection:

Our account with Kroger/King Soopers is: ES330

Amazon Smile account: Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation

Your continuing support is vital to CPCC because we rely on donations to pay our ongoing expenses, such as bookkeeping services, insurance for the corporation and auditing fees. We also appreciate chapter donations using the appropriate form on the state chapter website.

Thank you for helping CPCC to continue supporting P.E.O. sisters throughout Colorado!

Announcing the Chapter House Project Ad Hoc Committee!

P.E.O. sisters know what wonderful work can happen when seven women decide to form a new organization. These seven Colorado sisters have agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee to develop the new **Chapter House Project**.



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Their charge is to 1) study what other P.E.O. state chapters have done with the proceeds from the sale of chapter house properties and 2) develop a proposal for utilizing the proceeds from the sale of the Colorado State Chapter House that conforms with the CPCC articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. They began their work on June 30, 2022. They plan to meet twice monthly and report to the CPCC board every month. **Their final proposal is due November 1, 2022.**

The CPCC board is grateful that these sisters are willing to serve in this capacity and we look forward to receiving their proposal!



Thank you to all our sisters who visited the **Marguerite Fund** display at the 2022 Colorado P.E.O. State Convention. It was a special time for the trustees of the Fund to be able to meet and express our gratitude to all of you in person for supporting those who receive help through the Marguerite Fund. **You, indeed, ARE the Marguerite Fund!**

Following procedure, the members of the trustee board transitioned positions at the state convention. We had the opportunity to show our appreciation to Barb Hunter, outgoing Chair, for the loving concern that was always at the center of her work during her three-year term on the board. We also welcomed Katherine Cruson as the newest member of the trustee board. You will find the list of trustees and their contact information on the state web site. www.coloradopeo.org

In late June the regular semi-annual meeting of the Marguerite Fund Trustees was held to review applications to the Fund and to evaluate our procedures and documentation, making certain that they are relevant to current needs. Fourteen re-applications to the Fund were approved as was one new application. Fifteen women will each receive \$500 in August, the first month of our six-month funding cycle.

Note here that recipients of the Fund who have not completed their twelve-month eligibility must re-apply in July and January. There were, in fact, two recipients who had been receiving help that declined to re-apply. One stated that she was, with the aid of Marguerite funding, in a better place and she thought that the funds should be directed to someone else. **YOU made a real difference in her life!**

Thank you, our sisters, for your continuing support. As you can see by the numbers, the need is real and ongoing. From a mom struggling to recover from illness to a student or senior living on a fixed income in this time of rising prices, **thank you.**

The CPCC Board of Directors

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