

Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation

November 2023 Newsletter



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CPCC Updates

Dear Colorado P.E.O. sisters,

November is the month when we take time to give thanks—for good health, safe homes, schools and workplaces, as well as family and friends. Among these and the many other blessings you are grateful for, I hope you include P.E.O., not just your local chapter, but also the wider network of state and International sisters. As you read the report from your CPCC Board on the webinars we held in the past month, and the additional information we have learned from International committee members, you will come to understand why I am so appreciative of these sisters and our networks.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

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

Diane

NEWS OF AND FROM THE CPCC WEBINARS

Each webinar began with an explanation of the resolution that the CPCC Board plans to present at the CPCC Annual Meeting in June 2024. Based on the majority results from the survey sent to all Colorado chapters, the resolution will call for the proceeds from the sale of the Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House to be given to the P.E.O. Foundation and split equally between the two existing state funds: the Colorado State Scholarship Fund and the Colorado Cottey Scholarship Fund. Contrary to what was announced earlier, the 50/50 split between the two state funds is not required by the Foundation. A different division of the funds could be offered via an amendment during the debate of the resolution.

Board members explained that moving the sale proceeds to the Foundation would require divestiture from mutual funds and stock investments where they are currently held. This would not be done until the decision is made at the annual meeting.

Board members also explained that the sale proceeds money placed in the Foundation

could not be included in any distribution for at least one year because of Foundation policies. The state scholarship committees are notified each year how much money is available for distribution. The committees determine the recipients based on the applications received.

Additionally, Board members also stated at the webinars that the finance committee of the P.E.O. Foundation is holding a special meeting to discuss this potential gift from the CPCC. After the webinars the Board learned that the reason for this meeting is because the lawyer for International is concerned about using money that was originally donated to a welfare/housing mission to a different mission: education. The fact that this proposed mission change is coming because of a statewide survey and after two webinars on the proposed change is to CPCC's credit and shows the members' support for the change.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Board plans to meet at the end of November by which time we hope to learn about the Foundation's finance committee decision. We have invited Colorado's representative on the Foundation Trustees to join us for that meeting, and she has accepted.

Another possible action has also emerged from our conversations with personnel at International. We could establish a new and separate fund in the Foundation that would distribute earnings back to the Chapter House Project to be used for the charity of our choice: education. Other chapters have established similar funds, so we know this can be done. This could circumvent the legal concern and allow Colorado to establish a new scholarship for a wider variety of academic recipients.

Both approaches will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

Yes, the Board is still planning to send documents to the state A & R committee by early December.

We are certainly grateful for the ability to work together!

Here is the contact information for the 2023-24 CPCC Board members:

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MARGUERITE FUND

Simon and Garfunkel will certainly forgive this play on words: "Hello darkness my old friend. Soon you'll start at 5 P.M."

This is a season of Thanksgiving. The Marguerite Fund Trustees, Jan, Katherine, and Joanne, are so very thankful for the donations from local chapters and individuals to the general fund and to the Christmas Shower. We are thankful for sponsors who take the time to seek out and support recipients. We are thankful to hear about the positive impact our gifts have on our recipients and their families.

Information about and the application for the Marguerite Fund are found on the Colorado State Chapter website under the CPCC tab. Applications are accepted year around. Reminder: if your chapter is looking for a possible program, the trustees are willing to present to your chapter information about the Marguerite Fund.

Back to Simon and Garfunkel . . . The Marguerite Fund is "like a bridge over troubled waters."

Finally, a prayer we wish to share with you, our Sisters. Happy Fall, Happy Thanksgiving. Creator of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

For this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life,
And we bless each other, that the beauty of this world and the love that created it, might
be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others.
Now and always . . . Amen

The Marguerite Fund accepts applications any time. We've been helping our Colorado women for 100 years. An applicant need not be a P.E.O.
Please feel free to contact any of the Marguerite Fund Trustees at any time if you have questions. Our information is on the Colorado State Website: coloradopeo.org.

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CHAPTER HOUSE PROJECT

Although the survey results were well spelled out, as far as the State membership wishes for the proceeds of the sale of Chapter House, the exact process, mission and objective of how to complete the tasks are somewhat daunting. We have the guidelines and requirements of the P.E.O. Foundation to consider on how we approach this charge, along with any change in the CPCC Bylaws which may be required. The current Bylaws can be found on the State Website under the CPCC link.

To answer the question about those ladies that were put in upheaval mode when the Chapter House was sold, Article XI under "Share the Care" spells out for us that the assistance continues until there is no longer a need. We have no way of determining that timing. CH Trustees recently confirmed the continuing need of these women through the annual process.

There are many eggs in this basket; each needs to be tended cautiously. Our members are helping us to do this. Thank you for your continuing interest and support!

Lovingly,
Lucinda, Mary and Toni



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