

**Patty Turner Center  
Members' Council Minutes  
September 24, 2020**

**Attendance:** Leo Carter, Barry Davidson, Lorraine Jette, Karen MacDonald, Carol Mellem, Gretchen Pagano, **Dani Robinson\***, **Kerry Rohan\***, John Sanner, Jane Smith, **Hermin Velazquez\***, Mike Zelski.  
**\*not present Administration in attendance:** PTC Manager David Shamrock, Nichole Britz and Laura McCarty, Program Manager for the Deerfield Park District.

**Call to Order:** President Lorraine Jette called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. PTC has opened. The interior building walls were all painted and look great!

**Approval of Minutes:** The March 12, 2020, approved and August 6, 2020, minutes with a slight corrections to August approved.

**Approval of Financial Reports:** Treasurer Carol Mellem submitted a Financial Summary and reported a current balance of \$16,943.25 after expenses and payments. A motion was seconded and passed to accept the report. David S. thanked the Council for the lump sum stipend helping him to cover speaker costs in August, September and October.

**President's Report:**

1. John Scanner's PTC Member's Council tenure is up the end of 2020. Since John is the only one in this position this year and would be honored to stay on the Council for another year, Lorraine thought we could all see what is the right thing to do for all of us as the PTC was closed for six months of his tenure. Similarly, none of us attended at least nine meetings as it says we have to do in the By-Laws in Article III Section IX as we didn't have a meeting in April, May, June and July. In this same paragraph the By-Laws say that "Extraordinary circumstances will be taken into consideration at the discretion of the Council." Since this is an extra ordinary circumstance and it involves us all, a motion was sought to extend the tenure by a year for everyone on the Council at this time and if they would like to accept it that is fine or if they choose not to accept it we would need to know by the August/September of the year their tenure is up. A discussion ensued. We basically would like to extend John's term of service for another year to expire at the end of 2021. In 2021 both Karen MacDonald and Barry Davidson would have the choice to extend their tenure to make up for this year. Leo Carter made a motion to extend one year. It was seconded and all approved.

2. Lorraine Jette reported the Native Plant Sale was the first PTC outdoor activity on September 12, and was a bright spot on a rainy Saturday. It got many Council members and members back to the PTC. David and Nichole had everything set up. The plants from Red's were on tables on the sidewalk. David had taken reservations so timing and social distancing worked well. David welcomed attendees in the parking lot and Nichole was up front greeting and helping where necessary. About 25 members showed. The cashier table was all set up on the porch with bags for the plants. Lorraine was the cashier and Ashley Delaney helped bag the plants and hand out a Whitehall gift bag. A special area for Dave and Ami from Go Green Deerfield was on the porch and both helped members select plants. Half of the plants were sold. Deerfield Park District bought the other half to plant in various areas. We'll have another plant sale Spring 2021. Lorraine bought colored popsicle sticks for the innovative idea to place them in plants representing a specific plant price. Customers only bring the popsicle sticks to the cashier. Sticks will be kept for marketing studies. Black table cloths for the plant display tables were also purchased.

**Membership Report:** D. Shamrock: ¾ of renewal forms were returned. People know PTC is open. Game card player members can't get together yet so those numbers are down. We'll need to aggressively try attracting new members when PTC completely reopens. YTD membership is approximately 835.

**Committee Report:** John Sanner announced there were two golf tournaments the last one August 31. Each tournament had 28 golfers. No more events this year. Bocci Ball courts are not open until the first of 2021. Bob Fincutter can't coordinate the program any longer and players will have to replace him. Bowling also delayed until first of 2021.

**Program Highlights in Review: Nichole Britz, David Shamrock**

1. A cover letter and 21-Day Program Calendar was sent out to members. David and Nichole take advanced reservations for in-person member programs. 25 people have attended programs.
2. Staff was anxious about a cover letter sent before Labor Day to members with PTC pandemic safety guidelines but all is running smooth. Members follow protocol wearing masks, using hand sanitizer and social distancing. Members are greeted at the front entrance and fill out a very quick name, date, time tracking form.
3. A Zoom meeting link allows viewing every program scheduled. Will continue to Zoom large events such as Men's Club. Instructor-led classes will teach small group (about 10) classes implementing pandemic guidelines. Some Zoom and instructor-led classes happen together. The charge is \$5.00 for instructor-led classes but free for Zoom. Jane Smith questioned the in person \$5.00 charge versus Zoom free. Nichole and David will look into this situation, but instructors are paid.
4. Two outdoor events are occurring: A Car Show 9/29, with 20 cars and about 47 member registered attendees split into two groups at 9:00 and 10:15 AM. Masks and social distancing required. Parking Lot Palooza 10/4, with reservations in the back of the PTC grassy knoll area; 41 attendees for the 1:00 and 41 for the 2:15 PM performance.
5. Dave S. currently in the budget season is looking at 2021 optimistically at indoor and outdoor programs we can and cannot have and then modify accordingly. Zoom programs will continue. Other activities such as presentations for women, physical fitness instructions, art classes, Spanish classes, Hummers and Strummers are in the planning. Maybe more outside events. Maybe six events during Spring 2021. David will resume sending out PTC bulletins with scheduled sessions.

**PTC Staffing Updates:** Outlined in the in the 9/2020, Member's Council Agenda.

**Closing Comments:** Laura McCarty described the park district Halloween Hoopla having a different look this year spread out over three events all outside as follows: October 1, Pumpkin Decoration at Jewett Park, October 24, Family Fun Fest at Jewett Park and October 31, a Halloween Costume walk at Woodland Park.

**Adjournment:** Lorraine Jette made a motion to adjourn about 9:40 AM.

**Minutes submitted by:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/02/20  
Mike Zelski, Members' Council Secretary