

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council Minutes
March 11, 2021

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, Nicole Britz and Laura McCarty, Program Manager for the Deerfield Park District.

Call to Order: President Lorraine Jette called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: The February 11, 2021, minutes were approved.

Approval of Financial Reports: Treasurer Carol Mellem submitted a Financial Summary reporting a current balance of \$16,454.98. See financial report for more details.

President's Report:

1. Welcome all to our eighth Zoom meeting.
2. Just a comment how the pandemic has affected everyone's life and normalcy, but we witnessed courage and resilience surface from challenge and adversity.
3. We appreciated David Shamrock including us in the conversations that the Deerfield Park District is having regarding the possible use of the PTC for a COVID-19 vaccination site. We're to keep this very confidential until final decisions are made.
4. The PTC Members' Council & Committees 2021 Roster with updated contact information is attached to the Meeting Agenda. John Sanner said Jim Kraus, with the men's golf league, is spelled with one S.
5. David Shamrock shared some of the tough things that happened to PTC staff members at our impromptu meeting 03/04/21, at 4:00 PM, as follows: Marcella's husband passed away, Antonio's sister passed away from Covid-19 and David Steersman was hospitalized with intestinal issues. Flower arrangements from the Members' Council were sent to each. Carol saw Marcella and she was delighted to receive the flowers.
6. Council members called our seven new members that joined the PTC in January and one who joined in February. Leo kept a list of who signed up to call so next time other members can call. He added a column on his spreadsheet for conversation comments.

Membership Report: David Shamrock

As of March 1, 2021, 525 active members paid. March membership renewals mailed on 02/23/21. FYI, see more details in the 03/11/2021, Members' Council Meeting Agenda under Membership.

Committee Report:

No news.

PTC Programming: Nicole Britz

The new PTC bulletin completed and mailed. See the 03/11/21, Members' Council Meeting Agenda for more details.

PTC Operation Staffing Updates:

FYI see Staffing in the 03/11/2021, Member's Council Agenda. Staff still keeping PTC on track.

Closing Comments:

1. Laura McCarty read a letter which was signed by the Park District personnel which approved using the PTC as a COVID-19 vaccination site which would begin as soon as the company they are working with receives the vaccine. This is still confidential until it is formally announced!
2. David asked for volunteers to talk to a reporter, Atavia Gibson, from the Chicago Tribune. He is interviewing seniors in Deerfield about how they are coping with the pandemic. Lorraine, Leo and his wife signed up and more are welcome.
3. The PTC Plant Sale is April 22nd from 9 – 11 AM. Lorraine, Jane, Carol and Herman volunteered. More volunteers are needed.
4. Lorraine discussed critical changes to Medicare and a powerful new government benefit as follows: as a response to COVID-19, Medicare can now cover your short-term stay at a rehabilitation center without requiring a three-night hospital stay thanks to its 1135 waiver.

Adjournment: Vote to end the meeting at 10:00 AM

Next Members' Council Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

Minutes submitted by:

Mike Zelski, Members' Council Secretary Date: 03/14/2021