**Patty Turner Center**

**Members’ Council Minutes**

October 14, 2021

**Attendance**: Leo Carter**,** Barry Davidson, Lorraine Jette, Karen MacDonald, **Carol Mellem\***, Dani Robinson, **Kerry Rohan\***, John Sanner, Jane Smith**,** Hermin Velazquez,Mike Zelski.

\***Not present**

**Administration in attendance**: David Shamrock, PTC Manager, 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 September 09, 2021, minutes were corrected and approved.

**Approval of Financial Reports**: David Shamrock reported for Treasurer Carol Mellem the Financial Summary having a current balance of $25,207.75. See October financial report for more details.

**President’s Report:**

1.Welcome all to our first in person Members’ Council meeting.

2. The PTC indoor mask mandate remains in place until further notice.

3. Thanks to seven Council members for helping Nicole with the mailing of the October Bulletin.

4. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Mumpkin Sale. Gorgeous pumpkins, gourds and huge mums were for sale.

5. A written thank you note from David, Nicole and a verbal thanks from Lorrain to members for taking part in the New Member’s Reception. The presentations were exceptional, well delivered and received. A note came from the Ziners saying they were excited to attend, and they could not have felt more welcome.

6. Since our last meeting we had a great trip to Milwaukee to see the Cubs and the Brewer baseball game, a Healthy Lifestyles Event, and a Women’s Club Meeting.

7. Thanks to Carol Mellem for her role as Treasurer and Karen MacDonald for her role as Vice President who are retiring from their roles the end of this year after serving two years and a bonus year. We are happy that they will both be continuing on the Council next year. Also, thanks to retiring John Sanner for his years of reporting on the golf and bocci ball news. We’re sorry John and Kerry Rohan will be leaving the Council at the end of this year.

8. Regarding Council Committee updates since our last meeting, Lorraine had two offers to fill our vacant Council positions of Treasurer and Vice-President. Jane Smith volunteered to take the position of Treasurer. Carol will help Jane with the transition. Leo Carter volunteered to assume the position of Vice-President.

9. Leo is leaving his Council role as Membership Coordinator so we’re looking for someone to fill that position.

10. Good news for the nominating committee because Patty Ellis and John Maxson accepted our offer to return as Council members beginning January 1, 2022. A motion was made to accept the nominees and approved. Therefore, we just need to find a replacement for John Sanner. In our discussions, Sid Moore seems like the #1 candidate because of his involvement in golf and other activities. Leo volunteered to speak with Sid. A motion was made and accepted to invite Sid to be on the Council starting in 2022. Peter Fitzgerald and Mark Nagy are backup candidates.

11. Last month David S. asked us to give thought to Holiday ideas. Lorraine brought up Holiday “Give Back Ideas” for the members and the Council. David S. described the Winter Event as always being a big event with food. Instead, because of restrictive COVID food guidelines, send the membership an invitation to make a reservation and come by the PTC November 23rd and pick up a complimentary Thanksgiving apple or pumpkin pie. Sam’s Club would provide about 250 prebaked pies costing $7.98 each. Since we can’t have a big Winter Party this year, invite members to stop by the PTC and pick up a red poinsettia plant and possibly enjoy a cup of cider in the front lobby on December 10th. Both events will come out of Council funds. A motion was made and approved to move forward.

12. Lorraine proposed a brunch or luncheon after the Council Meeting on Thursday, December 9th from approximately 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Ravinia Green Country Club to show appreciation for all of our Council Members who worked so hard this year. It was further suggested that it would be in memory of our dear friend and Council member Gretchen Pagano and with spouses invited to join us. Dress is casual. A motion was made and passed to go forward with the event. A committee will be appointed to decide on a food menu for about $40 per person. The Council will pay.

13. D. Shamrock described the PTC Atrium planter box upgrade provided by the plant service. They provided a free clean up under the Atrium that’s elevated and sits on cinder blocks. It hadn’t been cleaned in years. Afterwards, they moved the planter back in place. Some colors were added. The plant service was asked and agreed on making four color rotations with seasonal plants within the existing green. Any bad plants will be replaced. The additional cost is $54 per month. The current plant service cost is $368 per month. A motion was made to pay the extra cost and approved.

14. D. Shamrock announced the upcoming speaking engagement “The Power of a Member’s Council” at IAPD/IPRA June 27, 2022.

**Membership Report:**

**1. L**eo thanked all members for support for all PTC events and great presentations at the New Membership event. He emphasized ideas for recruiting new members in community outreach activities such as leaving brochures in the waiting rooms of hospitals, beauty shops, the library and Doctors’ office reception areas. Possibly could have postage paid postcards with card holders to fill out and mail in.

2. D. Shamrock reported a 500+ active member base, 42 new members since January 1, and two new members in September. The two new members will receive a welcome call. FYI, see more details in the 10/14/2021, Members’ Council Meeting Agenda under Membership.

**PTC Programming: Nicole Britz:**

1.The 30-day October Program Calendar was completed and mailed out. The calendar is filled with daily virtual (ZOOM) programs and in-person activities. Nicole lists PTC updates and upcoming plans for October as outlined in the 10/14/2021, members’ Council Meeting Agenda.

2. Nicole mentioned that they cancelled the Ragtime Event as there were only four people signed up.

3. IT upgraded and enhanced the Men’s Club ZOOM presentation experience. A nice improvement.

**PTC Operation Staffing Updates**:

Nicole, David and Antonio continue maintaining the PTC facilities. Marcella Garrett will work on the front desk two mornings per week. She’ll fine tune the members roster and new members’ list. Margie Fischer works one to two afternoons per Week. The Podiatrists and Massage Therapist are still scheduled to return in person: Dr. Nick (1st Wednesday/month) and Dr. Liz (1st Thursday/month). See Staffing in the 10/14/2021 Members’ Council Agenda for more details.

**Closing Comments:**

3. Laura McCarty said that DPD didn’t win the 2021 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management and the Grand Plaque award. The DPD will try again.

2. The October 23rd Halloween Hoopla still needs a few volunteers taking tickets and is mainly an outdoor event.

3. The DPD is still moving along toward achieving normal. Masks are still required in indoor facilities. Masks at the Sachs Recreation Center are an attendance draw back, but expected to get better.

4. D. Shamrock said the PTC carpet and upholstery cleaning soon will be completed. PTC will look great.

5. Lorraine emphasized that we are looking forward to a bus trip to see the play, “Holiday Inn” at the Drury Lane Theater on December 1st which will also include a luncheon.

6. FYI, see more October PTC Programing events in the Members’ Council Meeting Agenda.

**Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 10:26 AM

**Next Members’ Council Meeting**: Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

**Minutes submitted by**: Mike Zelski, Members’ Council Secretary Date: 10/27/21