

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council Minutes
January 13, 2021

Attendance: Leo Carter, Barry Davidson, Lorraine Clark, Lorraine Jette, **Karen MacDonald***, John Maxson, Carol Mellem, Sid Moore, **Dani Robinson***, Jane Smith, Hermin Velazquez, Mike Zelski. ***Not present**

Administration in attendance: David Shamrock, PTC Manager, Nicole Britz and Laura McCarthy, 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 December 9, 2021, minutes with corrections approved.

Approval of Financial Reports: Treasurer Jane Smith reported the Financial Summary having a current balance of \$28,944.01. See November financial report for more accounting details.

President's Report: Lorraine Jette -

1. Welcomed all to our in-person Members' Council meeting in the PTC library.
2. Lorraine hoped that everyone had wonderful holidays last month, cherished the many gifts given and all the people that make life so special.
3. Lorraine is looking forward to again working with our special, dedicated Council members in 2022, during her last year as president. She welcomed new Council members Lorraine Clark, John Maxson and Sid Moore serving three-year terms.
4. In order for our new members to know everyone on the Council and the roles we serve, previous Council members introduced themselves. Then, the new members briefly introduced themselves.
5. David S. provided an updated list of the Members' Council contact information and Committees for 2022. Some email address corrections need to be made.
6. D. Shamrock and Hermin Velazquez, membership coordinator, announced their goal to acquire 75 new members this year. A total of seven new members joined PTC since January 1, 2022. When Council members' make welcome calls to new members, introduce yourself, review PTC programs, mention the new members' receptions and thanks for signing up. Leo added encourage new members to participate in programs and make program suggestions. Hermin asked to be emailed when a new member received a welcome call. David S. mentioned that all Council members should try to participate in the new members' receptions.

Membership Report: David Shamrock –

1. Entering 2022 the PTC is starting with an active membership base of 500. PTC ended 2021 with 49 new members. See the names of some new members listed in the member's council meeting agenda.

2. David is attending the Illinois Association for Park Districts/Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IAPD/IPRA) Conference at the Hyatt Hotel in Chicago on January 27-29th. He signed up to represent the PTC for a one-hour power point presentation on the Power of a Members' Council "From Marketing to Membership." Lorraine, Leo and Nicole will participate in making the presentation with David January 29 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. The PTC presentation is one of many sessions and geared toward senior activities to a group of about 40 attendees.

PTC Programming: Nicole Britz -

1. Nicole reported on upcoming events in January and February. The good news is more people are coming in to the PTC and signing up for programs. The Women's club is increasing in membership numbers.

2. A visit to the Dunn Museum is scheduled for January 12 in Libertyville with a Lake County and WW II guided history tour. A luncheon is scheduled at Ristorante Bottai in Libertyville.

3. A fun, upbeat program February 6th with Chicago's "Teatro Zinzanni" luncheon and Cirque Cabaret will feature talented operatic music and singing.

4. There is planning on re-introduction of evening programming events for January and February. Nicole lists several PTC upcoming activities as outlined in the 01/13/2022, Members' Council Meeting Agenda.

PTC Operation Staffing Updates:

1. Nicole, David and Antonio continue forging ahead and maintaining the PTC facilities. Antonio maintains the safety and sanitation of the PTC building so everyone feels comfortable. Marcella Garrett and Margie Fischer are part-time support. Marcella is updating the membership list.

2. David S. reported an effort to get out into the community more to promote PTC membership.

3. AARP is looking for enough volunteer tax preparers to assist PTC members requesting help with 2021 income taxes. If it happens, the time will be from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Fridays.

Closing Comments:

1. Laura McCarty said the DPD will try again to win the National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management. Vernon Hills won it in 2021.

2. The DPD is going forward with Winter program activities. All facilities are open with the mask wearing requirement. COVID vaccinations are requested according to government guidelines or tested weekly if not vaccinated. There hasn't been much employee vaccination push back.

3. The Sachs Recreational Center is following Cook County guidelines that 18 years of age and older members must have proof of vaccination.

2. Lorraine read a thank you letter from a grateful PTC member for the Thanksgiving apple pie.

3. In closing, Lorraine expressed hope to bring in the new year with kindness, and she wanted to leave us with the following inspirational thought: Dream, Believe and Achieve! This theme was inspired by the New Year's Day Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, CA. She felt it would be great for us to adopt this theme too for 2022. It was phenomenal to see the power of their dreams especially since the parade had been cancelled last year.

From the beginning the parade organizers had a vision that will live on. They had a dream, believed in their dream, and achieved community connection to promote better lives for their members..... as we do at the PTC. John Maxson built on this same theme and how it related to him with his recent project of writing with a friend on classic automobiles. They dreamed and believed that Jay Leno would be the perfect person to write the forward for their upcoming book. They realized they achieved their goal when Jay Leno returned John's phone call saying he would be happy to write the forward for them.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 10:00 am.

Next Members' Council Meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 9:00 am.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Zelski, Members' Council Secretary, Date: 01/13/2022