

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council Minutes
April 14, 2022

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.

Administration in attendance: David Shamrock, PTC Manager, **Nicole Britz***, PTC Program Supervisor, and Laura McCarthy, Program Manager for the Deerfield Park District.

***Not present**

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

Approval of Minutes: The March 10, 2022, minutes were approved.

Approval of Financial Reports: Treasurer Jane Smith reported the Financial Summary having a current balance of \$29,792.13. Men's Golf activity expenses of \$1,029.85 lowered last month's balance. See Members' Council 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. Sid Moore reported that PTC golf members dropped from 58 to 57. Eight PTC member golfers, two current and six new, signed up for the 2022 golf season. Weekly golfing days are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All golfers must be PTC members.
3. Lorraine thanked everyone who came to PTC March 29th after the Men's Club Meeting and helped with the regular mailing of the April Bulletins for PTC members. Also, they helped collate a Membership form and a program Registration form for 65 of the Townley members and sorting the boxes of tins of bands aides. Over a dozen people showed up to include Carol, labeling the envelopes ahead of time, Lorraine J., Barry D., Leo & Marguerite, Lorraine & Barry Clark, David, Nicole. John Maxson rounded up a few volunteers from the Men's Club Meeting including Gary Chesin. All helped make the work go fast within an hour. The group gathering is delightful.
4. Lorraine also thanked John Maxson for taking home the Bulletins to Jennifer Maxson that Leo and wife, Marguerite, had collated and counted for them. Townley wrote a final newsletter and sent it with the PTC Bulletins to their list who were not PTC members and just their newsletter to those that are already members of the PTC.
5. Lorraine addressed the Volunteers Recognition and a Plaque recently given to three individuals on our Members Council and read the following article: At the Deerfield Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting on March 17, Illinois Park and Recreation Association/Illinois

Association of Park District Community Service Awards that were presented to local volunteers Amy Brodsky, Jason Wadler and family, Sarah Kettlewell, **Lorraine Jette, Leo Carter and Sid Moore**, who have given their time, talent and treasure to the Deerfield Park District. These awards are “In recognition and appreciation of outstanding contributions and unselfish devotion for the advancement of parks, recreation and leisure in the community and the state of Illinois.” Lorraine Jette presented photos of the event, and Laura gave special thanks to the Volunteer Reward recipients and appreciation to all PTC council members for dedicated support to PTC. Lorraine and Leo were specifically recognized for their time, effort and great ideas that allow PTC to grow into a premier center for active, older adults and Sid Moore for his six years of consistent, organized leadership of the PTC Golf League. Lorraine gave honorable mention to Jason Wadler, a friend of her son, who established library book units in four Deerfield Park locations.

6. David addressed the upcoming PTC Theme Dinner Events and increased food cost. The Hel’s Kitchen food pricing has increased significantly so other food service caterers will be considered. David proposed the Council consider helping offset the extra food cost burden to members budgeting \$2,500 to support the first three programs: the Fiesta de La Casa, Shake Rattle & Mix and October Fest. The Cherry Pit will cater the first event. Council members voted and approved the \$2,500. David will appropriate the money to offset food cost accordingly and report back. The Winter Party has always been supported by the Council.

7. David explained that the PTC kitchen is still closed to our members to be on the cautious side.

Membership Report: David Shamrock –

1. Year to date PTC has 525 active members. We acquired 11 new members in January, 10 in February and 11 in March. Hermin handed out new member phone call assignments to be returned to him. Try calling them a few times then leave a message.

2. David said the PTC advertisement is now in the Marriot Lincolnshire Theater Playbill.

3. The PTC April Bulletin was displayed at the Deerfield Bank & Trust to promote membership.

4. John Maxson mentioned the PTC had 815 active memberships in 2019, so we’re down about 290. People over 50 years old in Deerfield has declined and not available to build up new members. Bring a friend over. Foot traffic should increase after pandemic although some people are still hesitant. We should pick up a half dozen women from Townley.

PTC Event Highlights: David Shamrock -

1. The PTC April/May/June Event Highlights were reviewed as listed in the April 14 Members’ Council Meeting Agenda.

2. John Maxson reported that the PTC Antique and Classic Car Show, May 17, is shaping up with about 18 entrants so far.

PTC Programming Highlights: David Shamrock -

1. The Members' Council Agenda lists the ongoing PTC Programming Highlights that will start up in May.

2. David would like to begin the new two - month PTC bulletin with May and June. However, there may not be enough time so he's considering a June- July Summer bulletin.

Closing Comments:

1. Laura McCarthy said the DPD facilities are up and running without pandemic restrictions 100% operational.

2. The annual DPD Art Show including a youth art show is coming soon featured at PTC.

3. Lorraine asked Hermin to tell us about the recent trip to Egypt he and his wife, Shirley, made. Hermin showed us several interesting photos, many with famous Egyptian landmarks and explained the trips traveling and dining highlights.

4. Lorraine shared an inspirational quote she saw on the Critics Choice Awards March 13. Billy Crystal was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. He thanked everyone and wanted to leave with a quote that he lived by that he took from Muhammed Ali as follows: "If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it – then I can achieve it!" This is like the final slide on our presentation of "Dream, Believe and Achieve"!

5. John Maxson shared his encounters with Jay Leno who wrote the forward for John Maxson's Classic Car Book last year. Jay had a recent show performance in Waukegan at the Genesee Theatre and personally met with John and wife, Jennifer, back stage afterwards. John led Jay to buy a Classic Packard car from a widowed lady in Lake Forest. We were all WOWED. John's book was published in January, 2022, and Titled "Chicago Motor Road."

6. John Maxson also described how Harold Washington campaigned and captured the vote of several Chicago minority ethnic groups to win the mayoral election April 1983. Perhaps we should consider diversity for increasing membership.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 10:07 am.

Next Members' Council Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 9:00 am.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Zelski, Members' Council Secretary, Date: 04/24/2022