

**Patty Turner Center**  
**Members' Council Minutes**  
August 11, 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.

**\*Not present**

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

**Call to Order:** Vice President Leo Carter called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** The July 14, 2022, minutes, with a correction, were approved.

**Approval of Financial Reports:** Treasurer Jane Smith reported the Financial Summary having a current total balance of \$33,581.05. The financial report was approved.

**President's Report:**

1. Vice President Leo Carter welcomed all to our in-person Members' Council meeting in the PTC library. He explained that Lorraine Jette is in the process of selling her house and moving into Sedgewood. She will rejoin us in a few months.
2. Sid Moore reported on recent PTC Senior Golf League events as follows: The Yellow Ball Tournament Contest was July 18, and winners were announced. In the Four Club Tournament, August 22, each golfer selects four golf clubs and only plays with those four clubs. The club championship will be played in September.
3. David S. passed out hard copies of the current Members' Council By-Laws and the PTC Members' Council & Committees 2022 with contact information.
4. Based on article 1V of PTC by-laws, Leo announced the establishment of a nominating committee in October for two exiting board members (Karen MacDonald and Barry Davidson). Lorraine Clark, Sid Moore and Leo Carter, ex-officio, are the nominating committee. Current council members may suggest to the nominating committee names of PTC members they feel are qualified for the Council. Selected potential candidates will be submitted to the Council at the October meeting for approval. Final nominees will be voted on and approved at the November meeting.
5. Leo thanks everyone for the "Shake, Rattle and Mix" event setup and cleanup.
6. Barry Davidson and his wife sold their home and are moving to Lake Forest in November.

7. Leo and David S. announced the recent passing of PTC members, Pam LaVarre and Chuck Caruso. Lorraine Clark mentioned Ruth McCoy passed away in July.

**Membership Report: David Shamrock –**

- David passed around new PTC Membership forms acquired in July and August to give a welcome call. Email Hermin with the call results.
- Our goal for this year is 75 new PTC members, and we've already acquired 87 as of mid-August.
- David thanked everyone that helped with the "Shake, Rattle and Mix" event. It was a big event with about 80 attendees. David expressed some membership connection concerns observing that before COVID PTC members had personnel, facial recognition and close relationships. Now new members come into the PTC more inconsistently and aren't building those close, recognition relationships. He wants to work on ways for members to put a "face to a name." Lorraine Clark suggested surveying a list of PTC parties to identify new member attendees and bring them together at another new membership reception.
- Antonio, Macella and Nicole are taking over the PTC Equipment Lending Closet. Joan Gruchot and Eric Graepp started and operated the lending closet admirably for years, but they stopped when COVID arrived. Antonio is repairing equipment. Macella is preparing new safety documentation instructing members to return cleaned walkers and toilets. From now on for safety, only PTC staff will be allowed in the closet. David suggested Joan and Eric be recognized for their previous work in starting the lending closet.

**PTC Event Highlights: Nicole Britz -**

- Nicole reported that all the July events, as listed in the July Members' Council Meeting Agenda, were well attended except the July 15<sup>th</sup> Women's Club with 25 versus about 75 in the past. She is looking for better ways to draw more attendees. Violinist Mark Lopez is a wonderful player and should receive a better reception. The "Shake, Rattle and Mix" event was well-attended and a good time, but the food was inferior. Transporting precooked hamburgers and French fries from Highwood was a challenge. Some members felt the food is secondary to the wonderful people interaction. The Twinkie Bar went over really well.

**PTC August Programming Highlights: Nicole Britz –**

- The Deerfield Golf Club staff is serving the food for the August 19<sup>th</sup> Women's Club luncheon.
- Only 25 reservations compared to about 55 previously for the Cubs / Brewers game in Milwaukee August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> is "Elmstock" (a takeoff on Woodstock) Parking Lot Palooza free outdoor concert event open to the community featuring the music of John Maxson and the North Shore Line. Bring your own chair.

**PTC September Programming Highlights: Nicole Britz –**

- “Mumpkin Fest” – beautiful mum plants and pumpkin sale September 10<sup>th</sup> , 9:00 pm.
- Morning Studio Painting Classes with Susie Mason is very popular, and a class was added September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Some reservations for a new program: Guided Kayak Tour of Skokie Lagoons September 14<sup>th</sup>. Members supply their own transportation to a gathering location.
- Stu the Piano Guy is funny and loved. So he’s booked again at “Chicago Showcase” September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- David Kaz owns a coin business and will present “It’s All About the Gold” Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Closing Comments:**

**Laura McCarty**

- September 5<sup>th</sup> DPD swimming pools close. Summer programs end.
- After the Highland Park tragedy, DPD staff received updated/enhanced training protocols from three professional consultants for enhanced safety & security outside and inside DPD facilities including the PTC.
- The DPD continues the pursuit of winning the competition in our category for National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management to be announced September 21<sup>st</sup> in Arizona.

**David Shamrock**

- Chuck Caruso’s daughter plans to hold a “Celebration of Life” for family and open to everyone at the PTC in September or October on a Wednesday 5 to 8 pm.

**Leo Carter**

- Ended with an Albert Einstein quote: “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 9:58 am.

**Next Members’ Council Meeting:** Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 9:00 am.

**Minutes submitted by:** Mike Zelski, Members’ Council Secretary, Date: 08/15/2022