

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council Minutes
September 8, 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 August 11, 2022, minutes were approved.

Approval of Financial Reports: Treasurer Jane Smith reported the Financial Summary having a current total balance of \$32,781.75. The financial report was approved.

President's Report:

- Vice President Leo Carter opened our in-person Members' Council meeting in the PTC library.
- Sid Moore reported on recent PTC Senior Golf League events as follows: The Four Club Tournament playing 18 holes was August 22nd. He announced the winners in each of three flights. Each flight is based on handicaps. The club championship will be played September 19th with 34 golfers and a club championship buffet luncheon. October golfers typically drop from 40 to 20 because of cooler weather, and some leave town for the winter.
- Leo suggested the nominating committee consider newer member candidates' perhaps having new PTC program ideas for two exiting board members (Karen MacDonald and Barry Davidson). The candidates, to include backups, selection/voting process will take place at our October council meeting according to our nominating by-laws. Sid Moore will propose candidates Jack Butler, Pete Fitzgerald and Paul Ward. Lorraine Clark will propose Mary Gramins, Donna Stupple, Penni Isaacson, Rose Ann Parke and Lee Jashelski. David Shamrock proposed Adrienne Samuel. John Maxson proposed Kay Siess. Nicole mentioned Gary Chesin.
- Leo explained that Lorraine Jette was busy moving to Sedgebrook on this day, and the house closing is 9/29/22 with a follow up estate sale. She will rejoin us in a few months. Barry Davidson gave a brief update on his moving status.

Membership Report: Hermin Velazquez David Shamrock –

- Hermin announced our goal for this year is 75 new PTC members, and we've already acquired 96 YTD. We're going for over 100.

- David passed around 18 new PTC Membership forms acquired in August to give a welcome call. Email Hermin with the call results. New members said “word of mouth” and “from friends” is how they heard about PTC.

PTC Event Highlights:

- David thoughtfully treated today’s Council members coffee and donuts for good work.
- David announced the “Hummers and Strummers” were absent during COVID but are returning to PTC the first week in October. Steve Jackson, from Highland Park, has practiced with the group at his home. He’ll lead the group. Steve secured a young man and music student willing to come to the PTC weekly and provide music instructions for \$35 / hour. The council voted to pay him a \$1,200 stipend the first year. David will monitor the program monthly. Lorraine Clark mentioned Patty Turner started and was in the Hummers and Strummers.
- David said PTC membership annual fees never changed in ten years. He compared our fees to the higher ones in Lake Forest and Highland Park. He proposed PTC membership annual fees increase from \$30 to \$35 for residents and from \$45 to \$50 for non-residents beginning in 2023. The increased funds will help PTC operations.
- David said the Townley Club is officially ended and earmarked \$1,400 reserves as a gift for PTC Women’s Club programming.

PTC August Programming Highlights: Nicole Britz –

- The Deerfield Golf Club staff served a terrific summer salad for the August 19th Women’s Club luncheon. Julie Strauss was the presenter.
- August 24th “Elmstock” free outdoor concert event featuring the music of John Maxson and the North Shore Line drew about 150 people and was the highlight of the summer.
- Only 17 members compared to about 55 previously went to the Cubs / Brewers game in Milwaukee August 28th . It was a nice outing, and everyone had a good day. Cubs lost!

PTC September Programming Highlights: Nicole Britz –

- “Mumpkin Fest” – beautiful mum plants and pumpkin sale September 10th , 9 – 11 am.
- Morning Studio Painting Classes with Susie Mason is very popular, and a class was added September 12th.
- The PTC “Guided Kayak Tour of Skokie Lagoons” September 14th lacked enough member reservations and was canceled.
- PTC Women’s Club: “Meet Emily Dickinson” has 28 reservations and may grow.
- Stu the Piano Guy is funny and loved. So, he’s booked again at “Chicago Showcase” September 21st.
- David Kaz owns a coin business and will present “It’s All About the Gold” Sept. 23rd.

PTC October Programming Highlights: Nicole Britz –

- Four programs in October are listed in the September 2022 Members' Council Meeting Agenda. One of the programs listed is the "Octoberfest at the House of Gerhard" October 19th. It's an excursion to Milwaukee, WI., with 50 members or more. Three entrée selections are featured. The cost is \$85.

Closing Comments:

Laura McCarty -

- September 5th DPD swimming pools closed, and summer programs end. This was a good season.
- Family Fest is at Jewett Park October 22nd.
- Halloween Hoopla is planned,
- 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 21st in Arizona. The hopes are to have "all stars in our eyes."

David Shamrock - provided a price list for the "Mumpkin Fest".

Leo Carter –

- Leo highly complimented the DPD program.
- Leo ended on a couple one-liners:
"Someday is not a day of the week."
"Develop success from failure. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success."

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 10:00 am.

Next Members' Council Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 9:00 am.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Zelski, Members' Council Secretary, Date: 09/14/2022