**Patty Turner Center**

**Members’ Council Minutes**

December 1, 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. New council members Sharon Harris and Paul Ward attended.

**\*Not Present**

**Administration in attendance**: David Shamrock, PTC Manager, Nicole Britz\*, PTC ProgramSupervisor**,** 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 November 10, 2022, minutes were approved.

**Approval of Financial Reports:** No treasurers report due to the early monthly meeting.

**President’s Report:**

* Vice President Leo Carter opened our in-person Members’ Council meeting in the PTC library.
* Leo welcomed Lorraine Jette’s return to the council and Sharon Harris and Paul Ward, the two new council board members, that were in attendance.
* Sid Moore reported that the PTC Senior Men’s Deerfield Golf League season is over. He will schedule new golf programs to occur during the April through November 2023 season with the course manager, Jason Mannina, mid-January. He’s planning to complete scheduling in February/March. The Men’s Golf League is renamed PTC Members League to include men and women golfers. Sid will manage both leagues. All golfers must be PTC members.
* David S. reminded us that PTC membership annual dues will increase five dollars beginning January 2023. DPD costs and increases went up across the board for 2023.
* The “Men’s Club” title is renamed to “The PTC Members Club Weekly Lecture Series” to include all members who share an interest. Coffee and donuts will be provided compliments of the PTC Members’ Council. A $3.00 guest speaker fee per meeting will be enforced to included Zoom participants that must call to register and pre-pay. We need some signage for members to understand the purpose of fees. A fee collection system will be worked out and fine-tuned. The gender-neutral Members’ Club is the opportunity to sign up for the men’s golf league and to generate interest in creating an expanded women’s golf league.
* Leo announced nominating new officers for 2023 to replace retiring Secretary, Mike Zelski, a Vice President and a President. John Maxson for Secretary, Lorraine Jette for Vice President and Leo Carter for President were nominated for two year terms. They all accepted. The council voted and approved them.

**Membership Report: David Shamrock –**

* David passed around eleven new PTC Membership forms acquired in November to give a welcome call. Email Hermin with the call results.
* PTC has acquired 122 new members YTD.
* Paul Ward asked how do the new membership numbers compare historically? David and Nicole reviewed some of the past few year membership statistics. John Maxson explained our active PTC membership is 64% pre-pandemic numbers. We’re down 316 members, will lose 100 annually, so actually need 416 new members to be even pre-pandemic. A lot of recruitment is needed to get it back. David and Leo asked everyone to talk up and promote PTC membership to friends, neighbors and acquaintances.

**PTC November Programming Highlights: Nicole Britz -**

* The November 11th “Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast,” November 16th “Thanksgiving Luncheon” and November 18th “The Music of Taylor and Simon” were all excellent events, good feedback and well attended.

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

* The December/January PTC Bulletin was mailed out.
* More than 75 attendees are expected for the “Winter Band Concert” December 4th.
* December 8th is the “Members’ Winter Party” and will feature prime rib and salmon catered by Fore. The dress is a little more formal then other events.
* PTC will be closed Christmas and New Year’s weekends.

**Of Note:**

* December 2nd is “The “Village Hall/Winter Celebration.” Council members will help handout cookies.
* December 3rd the “Deerfield Winter Market” will be held in the morning at Jewett Park in heated tents.

**Closing Comments:**

**Laura McCarty –**

* Emphasized the “Village Hall/Winter Celebration” will be indoors in the Jewett Park Center, and the “Deerfield Winter Market” is outdoors in heated tents. The PTC will be promoted at each event with bulletins and registration forms available.
* The DPD will celebrating the 30-year retirement of two employees in the Park and Recreation departments.

**Leo Carter –**

* Leo ended on a comment for the day:

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”

**Lorraine Jette -**

* Explained moving from a large home and downsizing to a smaller one, in Sedgebrook, was a major challenge and the reason for her leave of absence. She thanked council members for their understanding and Leo for being the Internum president. She gave Christmas cards to the council members.

**Adjournment**: The meeting ended at 10:00 am

**Next Members’ Council Meeting**: Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 9:00 am.

**Minutes submitted by**: Mike Zelski, Members’ Council Secretary, Date: 12/06/2022