

**Patty Turner Center**  
Members' Council  
Minutes of the January 11, 2024, Meeting

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was brought to order by Chair Leo Carter at 9:00 a.m.
- The following were present: Leo Carter, Lorraine Clark, Sharon Harris, Lee Jashelski, Lorraine Jetté, John Maxson, Mike Walton, Paul Ward, and Mike Zelski. Professional staff David Shamrock, Nicole Britz, and Laura McCarty represented the Deerfield Park District.
- The following were absent: Sid Moore, Dani Robinson, and Jane Smith

II. Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the December 14, 2023, meeting were presented by J. Maxson and unanimously approved as amended (Motion: P. Ward, Second: L. Clark). L. Clark noted that Paragraph V, Bullet 5, mischaracterized the Winter Festival. There were actually two events, the Winter Festival on Friday evening, December 1, and the all-day Winter Market at the PTC on Saturday, December 2, 2023.
- December Financial Report: D. Shamrock, acting in J. Smith's absence, presented financial statements showing net income of -\$5,142.54 and a current balance of \$21,454.30. Following a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved (Motion: P. Ward, Second: L. Jetté).
- Members' Golf League Update: P. Ward said that S. Moore is verifying contact information for members of the league in preparation for the first communications in several weeks.

III. President's Report

- L. Carter opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and, on behalf of the Members' Council, conveying condolences to J. Smith and her family on the passing of Bill Smith, another active member of the PTC. There was discussion about how well respected and admired Bill was by his friends. L. Carter confirmed that the funeral service is planned for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield.
- L. Carter commented on the Members Club meeting on January 9, 2024, when the speaker cancelled and members met for coffee, doughnuts, and informal conversation. He reported that this worked very well and those who attended liked getting to know each other through conversation.

#### IV. Membership

- D. Shamrock reported that active membership totals 570 members with 111 new members arriving during 2023. He emphasized the importance of one-on-one recruitment and how most new members hear about the PTC by word-of-mouth and join due to having been the guest of a member.
- During 2024 we have a goal to recruit 130 new members.

#### V. PTC Program Highlights for December

- N. Britz reported on the success of the Village Winter Festival, the Village Winter Market at the PTC, the PTC Members Winter Party, the performance by the DHS Choraliers, the performance by the DHS String Chamber Orchestra, and the excursion to Milwaukee to experience the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's "Holiday Pops" performance. She characterized the month as a very busy one with enthusiastically received programs.
- D. Shamrock and N. Britz commented on how effective volunteers have been in reducing the burden on staff. This was particularly evident at the Members' Winter Party.

#### VI. Upcoming Events During January

- N. Britz reported on January events already conducted and planned. These included Free Space Bingo ("Pizza Bingo"), Square Dance Classes (final session tonight), AARP Driver and Tax Aide, Great Decision Discussion Groups (a free group beginning now and Gary Midkiff's professionally led group beginning in February), the Big Band Sound of Deerfield's performance titled "Let It Swing," the Winter Solstice performance by Jim Kendros, the Patsy Cline tribute concert ("The Great Patsy Kline"), and the Winter Luncheon.

#### VII. Closing Comments

- L. McCarty said that these are busy times at the Park District and registration for Summer Camp opens next week. She confirmed that the renovation work at the Jewett Park administration building is well underway. Also, a bid has been accepted for improvements to Jewett Park outdoor facilities and the renovation of the northern part of the site will begin this summer. For example, the playground will be closed for part of the summer. Finally, she reported that tryouts for the adult theater performance (formerly performed at the PTC) will start next week. This year the play will be, "The Noises Off" and the performance will be in the new Caruso Theater.
- D. Shamrock reported that a new Administrative Assistant will be working at the PTC. Her name is Cathy Serbin and she will have the office next to Margie's. Announcing another personnel change, he said that John Green is

the new custodian. David Steersman has been hospitalized and is recovering. Antonio has been in Mexico with his mother (she passed) and has returned.

- N. Britz announced that she will be leaving the Patty Turner Center after five years to join the Regional Emergency Center in Northbrook. She remarked that she was a U.S. Army medic and reentering the health care/emergency management field was a career choice. Her last day at the PTC will be January 19, 2024.
- L. Carter, speaking on behalf of all PTC members, congratulated Ms. Britz on her choice to follow a new career and thanked her for the time, energy, and the passion she demonstrated for her work at the PTC. L. Jetté gave Ms. Britz a card and expressed her sadness in seeing her leave. Others joined in saying what a strong asset Ms. Britz has been for our organization.
- The President's Closing One Liner: "Always be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better person."
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Maxson, Secretary, January 11, 2024.