

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council
Minutes of the February 8, 2024, Meeting

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called 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, Sid Moore, Dani Robinson, Jane Smith, Mike Walton, Paul Ward, and Mike Zelski. Professional staff David Shamrock, Kathleen Muellner, and Laura McCarty represented the Deerfield Park District.
- The following were absent: No one was absent.

II. Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- L. Carter opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!
- L. Carter asked D. Shamrock to introduce the new PTC Program Manager. D. Shamrock introduced Kathleen Muellner, who is an existing park district employee promoted from within to take the position formerly held by Nicole Britz. Her education is in early childhood development and youth education. She and D. Shamrock talked about a new emphasis on weekend activities and rentals. L. Jashelski remarked that we had opportunities to better publicize activities in the "Deerfield Review." Kathleen was enthusiastically welcomed to the PTC team.
- Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the January 11, 2024, meeting were presented by J. Maxson and accepted unanimously without changes. (Motion: P. Ward, Second: L. Clark).
- January Financial Report: J. Smith presented financial statements showing net income of \$104.51 and a current balance of \$21,558.81. She answered questions about the \$1,500 credit and debit, a "passthrough" for SHIP. The Senior Health Insurance Program or SHIP is a free statewide health insurance counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers. Following a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved (Motion: D. Robinson, Second: L. Jetté).
- Members' Golf League Update: S. Moore passed flyers around announcing the 2024 golf season and said that the Golf League Table will open on Tuesday mornings in March for the start of handicap processing. He also passed around a yellow golf ball monogrammed for the Patty Turner Center. He estimated that half of the new golfers join the Patty Turner Center, but membership in the PTC is not mandatory for league competition.

III. President's Report

- L. Carter asked D. Shamrock for his comments on plans for 2024.
- D. Shamrock said that he was looking forward to an exciting year with a new emphasis on membership, the registration process, and increased program revenues. He plans to enhance evening and weekend programming, develop a strategic marketing plan for the PTC, and hire a full-time staff member for evening and weekend programming.

IV. Membership

- D. Shamrock reported that active membership totals 575 members including the addition of 11 new members during January, 2024.
- He reiterated that the goal for 2024 is to recruit 130 new members.

V. PTC Program Highlights for January

- D. Shamrock summarized the Bingo Lunch, Square Dance Classes, AARP Drivers' Refresher and Tax Aide, the Great Decisions discussion group, the Winter Solstice program with Jim Kendros, the Chicago Showcase with "The Great Patsy Cline," and the winter luncheon with Leslie Goddard and "Lilly Pulitzer."

There was discussion centered on the huge talent and high value of Leslie Goddard as a presenter. J. Maxson pointed out that improved stage lighting could greatly enhance the entertainment value of shows like "The Great Patsy Cline" and "Lilly Pulitzer." Present lighting is stark fluorescent lighting typically used in classrooms and for activities like playing cards. Softer incandescent lighting focused on the stage would enhance the mood and make the show more engaging and professional looking. The same lighting would enhance the experience when bands appear for concerts and dancing.

VI. Upcoming Events During February

- D. Shamrock reported on Chess Instruction with Steve Kaufman, Pizza Lunch and Bingo, the Fireman's Five Alarm Chili, The MSO presents "Peggy Lee," "Sip, Chip-N-Putt," Pottery Workshop with Kristen Saunders, Great Decisions with Gary Midkiff, Chicago Showcase with Rosie and the Rivets, and the Municipal Band Concert (March 3, 2024).
- The February schedule is ambitious and everyone is looking forward to a busy time.

VII. Closing Comments

- L. McCarty reminded us that spring and summer are closer than we think. Employment is open for summer jobs (seasonal jobs at the pools, camps, and on the golf course), the golf course reopens in March, and the restaurant at the golf course will reopen under new management (The Tap House). The renovation work at the Park District Administration Building is underway and on target.
- D. Shamrock reported that Tena Russ, a Lake Forest portrait artist, has her work on display in the main hall.
- D. Shamrock announced that Member Council assistance will be needed during the upcoming months of increased activities.
- L. Carter closed the meeting with, "Gratitude is the gateway to a positive life."
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Maxson, Secretary, February 19, 2024.