

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

I. Welcome and Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the July 11, 2024, meeting were presented by J. Maxson and approved unanimously with no changes (Motion: J. Smith, Second: S. Harris).
- August Financial Report: A financial summary was reported by J. Smith showing net income of \$3,553.15 and a current balance of \$22,242.51. There were smaller Golf Committee debits and credits, but the main credit was from the Foundation for \$3,440.00. Following a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved by consensus.
- PTC Golf League Report: S. Moore reported that the Flag Tournament will be on August 19 and 34 golfers are signed up so far. The tournament will be followed by lunch at the PTC, which has become routine and is very popular. Winners of the Flag Tournament will be announced at the Members' Club meeting on August 20, 2024.

III. President's Report

- L. Carter opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking those on the Council who chair events.
- L. Carter reported that a Nominating Committee for new members and a chair of the Members' Council will be selected at the September meeting of the Members' Council with nominations due at the October meeting.

- D. Shamrock reported that the information monitor formerly on the wall in the hall has been moved to above the main desk, a location that offers better visibility to more people.
- K. Muellner reported on the results of the member survey. Of our 565 members, 103 returned the survey and 75 gave their names. There was a discussion of the survey results and recommendations for changes will follow. Also, K. Muellner reminded everyone that September 8, 2024, is Grandparents Day and the PTC will offer some intergenerational programming.
- K. Muellner discussed the change in direction of some programming with the goal to find new events and activities that resonate with members. Some have been successful and others have been cancelled due to a lack of interest. D. Shamrock: "We are in uncharted waters."

#### IV. Membership

- D. Shamrock reported that active membership totals 565 members, including the addition of 11 new members in January, 8 in February, 7 in March, 2 in April, 12 in May, 8 in June, and 13 in July.
- D. Shamrock reported that the PTC has 61 new members YTD with 67 YTD for the same time last year. Our annual goal is 130 new members by December 31, 2024.
- D. Shamrock said that PTC participation is strong with 170 people attending programs during July, 2024.

#### V. PTC Program Highlights for July

- K. Mueller reported on the Line Dancing (July 9), Dance Fitness (July 10), Blockbusters with Jim Kendros (July 11), Improv Classes – cancelled (July 11), Art Alive – Paul Cezanne (July 12), Going Green (July 19), Latin Dance and Salsa – cancelled (July 22), Sweet Summer Serenade with Jim Kendros (July 26), and Dog Days of Summer – cancelled (July 30).

#### VI. Past and Upcoming Events During August

- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner reported on the upcoming PTC excursion to Lake Geneva (August 11), Elmstock III (August 14), Susan Benjamin Presents Liza Minelli (August 16), Digital Drop In (August 17), Not So

Newlywed Game (August 20), Friday With Friends (August 23), and Labor Day Lot'sa Brats (August 30).

- Continuing a conversation from our last meeting, there was overall enthusiasm for the summer programs and several Members' Council participants made comments about programs they had personally enjoyed.

## VII. Closing Comments

- L. McCarty reported that the Park District is winding down summer activities with the opening of school. Deerspring Pool will be closed this coming Sunday and the last concert in the summer series is this Sunday. The renovation of the park district headquarters is progressing on schedule. The new executive director will start on August 19, 2024, and Jeff Harvey will return to his former position of Finance Director.
- D. Shamrock announced the date for the annual Winter Party: December 12, 2024.
- L. Carter thanked everyone for participating and left us with his traditional "one liner:"

"If something is important enough to you, do it, even if the odds are not in your favor."

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Maxson, Secretary, August 15, 2024.