

**Patty Turner Center**  
Members' Council  
Minutes of the September 12, 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, Lorraine Clark, Sharon Harris, Lee Jashelski, Lorraine Jetté, John Maxson, Dani Robinson, Jane Smith, Paul Ward, and Mike Zelski. Professional staff David Shamrock, Kathleen Muellner, and Laura McCarty represented the Deerfield Park District. Annemarie Flaherty, the new Executive Director of the Deerfield Park District (since August 19, 2024), attended the meeting.
- The following were absent: Sid Moore and Mike Walton

II. Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the August 8, 2024, meeting were presented by J. Maxson and approved by consensus (no motion or vote).
- August Financial Report: A financial summary was reported by J. Smith showing a net loss of \$334.79 and a current balance of \$21,907.72. Following a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved by consensus. J. Maxson asked if a vending machine was being considered to replace the Coke machine, which previously created a small income for the Council, and D. Shamrock said that a plan is being considered.
- PTC Golf League Report: P. Ward, reporting for Sid Moore, said that the Flag Tournament was successful and involved 35 participants. The Championship Tournament will be played on Monday, September 23, 2024, and the PTC Golf League Fall Banquet and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2024. The Fall Banquet is expected to draw 30-40 participants and will be catered at the Patty Turner Center by the Italian Kitchen.

III. President's Report

- L. Carter opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking those on the Council for their service to the PTC.

- L. Carter announced that he would be resigning from his post early for personal reasons. Of course several expressed their concern for Leo and said they were sorry to see him step down early. He said that a Nominating Committee has been established to develop a list of candidates to take his position on the Council and the position of Dani Robinson, whose term will be expiring. L. Carter announced that L. Jashelski and M. Walton have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee and will be offering a slate of candidates at the October meeting.
- D. Shamrock reported that a streamlined edition of "The Bulletin" has been created that will include October and November announcements and highlights for December, 2024.
- D. Shamrock reported that due to heavy use of the building anticipated on Election Day, November 5, 2024, no Patty Turner Center programs will be conducted.
- K. Muellner reported that the "Boo-tacular Halloween Party" will be a luncheon with dancing. This will be the first time such an event has been tried at the PTC.
- D. Shamrock led a discussion of the Winter Party, which is typically one of the most popular annual events that attracts about 100 participants. To increase participation (decrease ticket price), D. Shamrock requested that the Members' Council consider subsidizing the event as we have done in the past. After some discussion, J. Maxson recommended that D. Shamrock develop a plan for a ticket price of \$40 for members (\$50 for non-members) and propose a subsidy at the next meeting based on that budget. The overall proposed budget for the Winter Party will be approved at the October meeting.

#### 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, 13 in July, and 14 in August.
- D. Shamrock reported that the PTC has 75 new members YTD with our annual goal being 130 new members by December 31, 2024.
- D. Shamrock said that PTC participation is strong with 310 participants attending programs during August, 2024.

## V. PTC Program Highlights for August

- K. Mueller reported on Debra Levie with "The Artwork of Rodin and Claude!" (August 8), DHS Summer Strings Band (August 9), PTC excursion to Lake Geneva (August 11), Elmstock III (August 14), Susan Benjamin Presents Liza Minelli (August 16), Friday With Friends (August 23), Jim Kendros presents "The Wonders of Scheherrazade" (August 23), and Labor Day Lot'sa Brats (August 30) .

## VI. Past and Upcoming Events During September

- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner reported on the Deerfield-Bannockburn-Riverwoods Chamber Healthy and Wellness Day (September 7), Deerfield Public Library's "Digital Drop-in" (September 17), Dessert with Susan Benjamin speaking on "The Music of Jerome Kern," (September 20), PTC Golf League Dinner and Awards Ceremony (September 24), and Chicago Showcase featuring The White Saddle Band (September 25).
- Grandparents Day (September 8) and the Excursion to the Driehaus Museum (September 18) were cancelled due to lack of interest/participation.

## VII. Closing Comments

- D. Shamrock announced the AARP's Divers' Refresher Course (October 3 and 4), Dinner at the historic Hobnob Restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin (October 14), Martina Mathieson with "The Real Mae West" (October 17), and Octoberfest with Bauer's Catering and the Eddie Korosa Band (October 23).
- L. McCarty reported that the Park District has wound down summer activities with the opening of school and is focused on fall programs. Family Field Day and Harvest Fest are coming up on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Renovations to the administration building and Jewett Park are coming along on schedule.
- Annemarie Flaherty spent a few minutes talking about her background managing park district activities in Arlington Heights and Norridge. She expressed confidence in the current Deerfield Park District staff and said that she was impressed with the facilities, including buildings, fields, and pools. She described her management style as being transparent and accessible. "My door is always open."

- L. Carter thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and, continuing his tradition, left us with two “one liners:”

“Kind words can be short and easy to say, but their echoes are truly endless.”

Family and friends gathered for the reading of the will: “Being of sound mind, I spent all my money.”

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Maxson, Secretary, August 16, 2024.