

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council
Minutes of the November 7, 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, Lorraine Jetté, John Maxson, Sid Moore, Jane Smith, Paul Ward, and Mike Zelski. Professional staff David Shamrock, Kathleen Muellner, and Laura McCarty represented the Deerfield Park District.
- The following were absent: Lorraine Clark, Dani Robinson, and Mike Walton

II. Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the October 10, 2024, meeting were presented by J. Maxson and approved unanimously (Motion: L. Jetté, Second: L. Jashelski)
- August Financial Report: A financial summary was reported by J. Smith showing a net credit of \$2,599.39 and a current balance of \$20,216.60. Following a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved by consensus. Following up on a discussion started at the October 10, 2024, meeting of the Council, D. Shamrock proposed a subsidy of \$3,500 for the Holiday Party, which was approved by consensus.
- PTC Golf League Report: S. Moore reported that the golf season is over and, while small groups are still playing informally, league play has ended.

III. President's Report

- L. Carter opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanking those on the Council for their service to the Patty Turner Center.
- D. Shamrock introduced Matt White, a small business entrepreneur who has proposed a plan for vending machines at the Patty Turner Center. He currently operates the coffee shop at the train station and provides vending machines to Deerfield area businesses and not-for-profit

organizations. Mr. White proposed beverage and snack machines, Coke products being a feature since that company generously contributed to the construction of the PTC. Mr. White explained that his proposal does not include specific financial information because he doesn't know what volume of business the machines will generate. He did say, however, that there would likely be a financial benefit to the PTC in addition to the convenience of having beverages and snacks available. Although no vote was taken, the Members' Council was favorably impressed with Mr. White's presentation.

- L. Carter introduced L. Jetté, who wished D. Shamrock a happy birthday, passed around a card for members to sign, and gave David and each member a gift (a decorated metal box with first aid materials and treats). She also led an animated singing of "Happy Birthday."
- Nominating Committee: L. Carter introduced L. Jasheiski for a report on the work of the Nominating Committee, which consists of L. Jasheiski and M. Walton. She reported that Shirley Fitzgerald has been contacted and would accept a position on the Members' Council. A vote will be taken at the December meeting and the nominee will take her new position on the Council effective January 1, 2025. Shirley Fitzgerald will take the position vacated by Dani Robinson, whose term has expired. L. Carter will be stepping down as president but will stay on the Council for the balance of his term.

IV. Membership

- D. Shamrock reported that active membership totals 575 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, 14 in August, and 15 in September. He reminded everyone that, with 97 new members YTD, we have less than two months to achieve our annual goal of 130.
- K. Muellner tracks program participation and reports that 335 participants have taken advantage of PTC programs, up 25 from last month.

V. PTC Program Highlights for October

- D. Shamrock reported that the AARP Driver's Refresher Course was fully subscribed, the Autumn Solstice with Jim Kendros was a success, the Dinner at the Hob Knob Restaurant was cancelled, the program "The Real Mae West" with 41 people was a success, the Oktoberfest Theme dinner with 60 people was a success, the Deerfield Historical Society

Dinner with 65 people was a success, and the Spooktacular Halloween Party was cancelled.

VI. Past and Upcoming Events During November

- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner reported on the successful "Are You Ready for It?" (the Taylor Swift Experience) that attracted 120 people, the Forever Fit Healthy Hootenanny was cancelled, the program with Nicole Stalker was a success, the "Veterans, We Salute You" breakfast was attended by 40 people, the "Shine on Harvest Moon" Fall Festival was a success, the Time Warp '80s and '90s Game Show was a success, the Winter Green Containers Workshop was a success, and "Friday With Friends" focused on Frank Sinatra was a success. Upcoming December events include the DHS Holiday Strings, the Jim Kendros Holiday Concert, the Deerfield Winter Market, the Big Band Sound of Deerfield winter concert, the PTC Members Winter Party, and the "Home for the Holidays" concert by the Deerfield Community Band.

VII. Closing Comments

- L. McCarty reported that the Park District will be celebrating the completion of Jewett Park 2.0 with a ribbon cutting on November 9. She also announced that "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" will be performed November 13, 14, 15 and 22, 23, and 24 at the Caruso Middle School Auditorium. Registration for winter events starts November 12.
- L. Carter asked for general discussion and J. Smith inquired about Bridge and other card games that had been cancelled during the pandemic but should be considered for restart. D. Shamrock reported that staff is having trouble finding teachers to conduct classes for card game enthusiasts, but he expressed confidence that bridge, canasta, and possibly mah aong may be reinstated soon.
- L. Carter thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and, continuing his tradition, left us with a "one liner:"

"Tough times never last, but tough people do."
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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