

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council
Minutes of the December 12, 2024, Meeting

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair L. Carter at 9:00 a.m.
- All were present: Leo Carter, Lorraine Clark, Shirley Fitzgerald, 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: None

II. Approval of the Minutes and Financial Report

- Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the November 7, 2024, meeting were presented by J. Maxson and approved unanimously by consensus.
- November Financial Report: A financial summary was reported by J. Smith showing a net debit of -\$306.39 and a current balance of \$19,910.21. Following a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved by consensus. D. Shamrock reported that a monthly increase of \$15.00 effective January 1, 2025, would be negotiated with the vendor providing indoor plants.

III. President's Report

- L. Carter opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and introducing Shirley Fitzgerald, the newest member of the Council elected at the last meeting. He also recognized Dani Robinson for her dedication to promoting the success of Patty Turner Center activities for the past four years (two terms).
- D. Shamrock suggested, and his proposal was supported by the Council, that the New Members Receptions be reintroduced during 2025. These periodic events (three are projected for the coming year) are attended by members of the Council and new Patty Turner Center Members, who receive a brief orientation and a tour of the building. The events not only give new members a sense that they are welcome but provide camaraderie for those who may not know the Patty Turner Center's scope of activities and/or may be new to the community.

- D. Shamrock reported that the Deerfield Winter Market on December 7, 2024, was well attended and expressed gratitude to S. Harris for her contribution of time and energy.
- D. Shamrock reported that plans for the Winter Party on December 12, 2024, are complete and a crowd of 100 people, near a maximum occupancy for the room, has signed up to participate.

IV. Membership

- D. Shamrock reported that active membership totals 590 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, 15 in September, 7 in October, and 13 in November. He reminded everyone that, with 110 new members YTD, we have less than one month to achieve our annual goal of 130. He observed that 45 current members have not renewed and an effort will be made to contact them and encourage their continued participation.
- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner reported that she has informally heard comparisons with the Northshore Senior Center and those participating in both rank the Patty Turner Center as offering better activities and services.
- K. Muellner reported that members participating in activities during the past month numbered 359, up from 335 last month.

V. PTC Program Highlights for November, December, and January

- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner reported that the "Are You Ready for It?" (The Taylor Swift Experience) attracted 120 people, the program with Nicole Stalker of the Lake County Forest Preserve 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" was a success.
- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner reported that plans are being made for 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.

- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner summarized activities being planned for January. They include the January Dessert and Program: "The Making of I Love Lucy," Ballroom Dance Lessons, ZUMBA Dance Lessons, IMPROV for Adults, BAGS Adult League (the game "cornhole"), the Good Vibes Guitar Jam, Friday With Friends, Winter Solstice with Jim Kendros, Great Decisions, and the Chicago Showcase with Big Brother Vinyl.

VI. Closing Comments

- D. Shamrock announced that the Patty Turner Center will be closed December 24, 25, and 31 and January 1. There will be no Members' Club meeting on December 24 and 31.
- L. McCarty reported that the Park District is wrapping up 2024 and is well underway with plans for 2025. She reported that there will be a New Year's Eve celebration at the Saks Center (10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for children).
- L. Carter asked for general discussion and M. Zelski asked about the status of the vending machines (i.e., a proposal was considered at the previous meeting). D. Shamrock projected that the machine(s) would be in place by December 18, 2024.
- New officers were nominated and approved. They are –
 - President – Paul Ward
 - Vice President – Mike Walton
 - Secretary – John Maxson
 - Treasurer – Jane Smith
- L. Carter thanked everyone for their service during the previous year and, continuing his tradition, left us with a "one liner:"

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream another dream."
- Paul Ward, the incoming president, thanked Leo Carter for his service, leadership, inspiration, and the time, energy, and talent he has contributed to the success of the Patty Turner Center over the time of his presidency. Leo will remain on the Council but is stepping down from his position as president.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Maxson, Secretary, December 29, 2024.