

South  Suburban
Park & Recreation
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Channahon Park District, Four Rivers Environmental Education Center
Thursday, November 10, 2011
MEETING MINUTES

President Lee Ann Fisk called the meeting to order at 11:16 am. Introductions and “question of the month,” “How long have you been in the Parks & Recreation field, and How did you end up in Parks & Recreation” started the meeting.

President’s Report - Lee Ann Fisk: Due to NRPA, there was not a November Executive Meeting. In continuing with executing goals from Strategic Plan, the “Question of the Month” provides members with information regarding their field for networking and contacting, and making all feel comfortable. Also, the “Welcome Packet” needs a little adjustment with the pictures.

President Elect Report - Tom Hartwig: Tom, along with Colleen O’Connell, reported on the progress of the Leadership Academy. It will provide “Track Style” training one day per week for six months. An application will be required to attend. The price has not been determined and October of 2012 is the projected start date.

Past President’s Report - Erin Lynch: Lee Ann is doing a great job with implementing the goals from the Strategic Plan and reported that the new “Special Events” committee was starting.

Secretary’s Report - Laurie Nissen: Was not at the October general meeting and due to a miscommunication with Tom Hartwig the minutes from that meeting were not available. The minutes will be at the December meeting for approval.

Treasurer’s Report - Sharon Rybak: Beginning Balance of \$7,935.74, \$1,169.00 Total Income, Total Disbursements of \$1,666.25, ending Balance of \$7,438.49. Motion to approve and accept Treasurer’s Report – Jeannette Huber, Alsip, seconded by Mary Crout, Oak Lawn, all in favor, none opposed.

Committee Reports:

- **Awards** – Lori Chesna and Jeannette Huber are working on the Awards ceremony which will be held in April.
- **Teen Committee** – Colleen Canavan, Palos Heights, reported that Battle of the Bands is going to be offered by several districts, The Moraine Valley Community College project planning will start in January and the event will be held April 20, 2012 and co-op trips and meeting schedule will be posted on the SSPRPA website.
- **Sponsorship** – Colleen O’Connell, Romeoville, thanked our sponsor, and stated that the December and February meetings were still open. Lee Ann asked that the benefits of being a sponsor be posted on the website.
- **Programs** – Marissa Cardoni, Romeoville, thanked Channahon.
- **Early Childhood** – Laurie Nissen, Alsip, reported at the October meeting the agencies that attended shared job descriptions, staff duties, and salary rates. The next meeting will be held in Orland, November 17th. All information from the October meeting will be posted on the website.
- **Aquatics**- Jen Williams, Lockport – the next meeting will be held in Alsip at 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 17th.

- **Athletics** – Keith Jones, Homewood-Flossmoor – next meeting scheduled December 13, 1:00 pm at Homewood-Flossmoor.
- **Legislative** – Jim Romanek, Mokena and Evelyn Gleason, Midlothian, stated that the Salary Survey was sent out to Directors and is on our web page. He also informed us that the Representatives for our district are changing due to the census. The next meeting will be December 5 at 3:00 pm and Bonnie Covelli, of Solutions from University of St. Francis will speak. A handout outlining Possible Legislation for 2012 Discussion was on each table.
- **Social** – Bob Russo, Worth, – meeting scheduled for 4:00 pm Thursday, November 17th at Trios in Palos Heights.

Old Business:

1. NRPA Congress SSPRPA social – German theme, 40 attended – no non-members – thanked John McGovern for contribution.
2. Regarding the information piece for students, Meg is looking for a picture of someone being athletic is needed.
3. Formation of two new committees: Special Events met November 9 to formulate and next meeting is scheduled for December 14 in Romeoville; Facilities will meet November 16 at the Park District of LaGrange at 10:30 am to brainstorm.

New Business:

- a. SSPRPA Salary survey on website
- b. IPRA affiliation request – Jan Arnold reported that no prior agreement for affiliation was on file.

Announcements: Nicole Headley, Channahon, gave information regarding a benefit planned on Dec. 10th for Greg Kjellesvik. A flyer with information was available. IPRA announcements will be added to agenda. A reminder was given to vote in the upcoming IPRA election.

The next meeting, Friday, December 9th, will be the Holiday social which will follow the general meeting. The details will be in the e-vite.

Marta M.T. Keane, Recycling Program Specialist from the Will County Land Use Department Resource Recovery & Energy Division, presented the program: “Going Green!.....and keeping it Green!”

A motion for adjournment was made by Jeannette Huber, Alsip and seconded by Chris Finn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Nissen

Laurie Nissen, Secretary