

South  Suburban
Park & Recreation
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District
Irwin Community Center
Thursday, January 12, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

President's Report - Lee Ann Fisk: Meeting to order at 11:07 am. Wished all "Happy 2012". Introductions and "question of the month," "What is your New Year's Resolution?" Lee Ann then announced all the events that will be coming up; Conference, Scholarships', Legislative Breakfast, Awards, Teen Committee event at MVCC and Elections.

President Elect Report - Tom Hartwig: Subject of IPRA association with U.S. Communities issues of it not working with smaller items such as softballs and arts & crafts items for day camps. You can contact Tome and he will link you to vendors to work with.

Past President's Report - Erin Lynch: Read a piece that John Wilson put together on the History of how SSPRPA came about. John was thanked for this and it is on the website.

Secretary's Report - Laurie Nissen: Minutes from December Executive and General meeting's available on website. Lee Ann to ask for approval. Mary Crout, Oak Lawn, made a motion to accept, Chris Finn second the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and December meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report - Sharon Rybak: Report is on Website. Beginning Balance \$7,734.49, Income \$451.50 Sub Total \$8,185.99 Disbursements \$1,668.34 Ending Balance \$6,517.65. Motion to approve – Evelyn Gleason seconded by Jeannette Huber – all in favor – none opposed – Treasurer's report for December approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Athletics** – Keith Jones, Homewood-Flossmoor –met December 13; 1:00 pm at Homewood-Flossmoor, Hershey Track and Field presented and brought pizza. Next meeting February 16, 1:00 at Village of Lyons.
Next IPRA meeting February 25th in Hoffman Estates. Bat tester costing \$800.00 for all to share and all to chip in to cover cost of is being looked into.
- **Community Leader** – Maddie Kelly - Secured Governors Mansion for Tuesday, May 1, 2012. RSVP deadline April 21, 2012. Legislature of the year and Park Board Member years of service awards will be presented. All other awards will be presented at April meeting.
- **Awards** – **Jeannette Huber/Lori Chesna** – met this morning to complete awards booklet. Anna Soloff has stepped up to take over this committee. Please email committee chair, co-chair and member names to Lori Chesna by March 9th.
- **Day Camp Workshop** – Meghan Fenlon – will start meeting in February, contact Meghan if interested in joining.

- **Early Childhood** – Laurie Nissen, Alsip, date of next meeting has been changed from January 19th to January 25th 11:00 am hosted in New Lenox, topic, upcoming conference, those attending to bring back information.
- **Legislative** – Evelyn Gleason/Jim Romanek – will present today’s program.
- **Programs – Marissa Cardoni** – Thanked Homewood-Flossmoor for hosting and thanked Evelyn Gleason, Jim Romanek and Paul Parise who will present today regarding IMRF updates.
- **Publicity – Megan Fenlon** – QR codes will be added to events such as Day Camp Workshop, Student Scholarship application, Teen Event at MVCC, etc.
- **Social – Bob Russo/Joe Smith** – Conference social set, will meet Friday, January 20th at Trio’s in Palos Heights, 3:00 pm and will be circulating volunteer sheet. Theme: “Beach”
- **Students – Mary Crout/Mike Baiardo** - Student Graduate and Undergraduate applications will be sent to Jen Yuska for posting today. QR codes will be utilized.
- **Teen Committee – Colleen Canavan** - Next meeting January 18, 1:00 at MVCC to discuss Teen event. If you are interested in being a part and mentoring a group contact Colleen.

Old Business:

First “Someone You Should Know” featuring Donna McCauley is on website. This is part of goals and objectives from Strategic Plan in an effort for networking in our Professional lives to know people you can call upon for information for career advancement. Submit nominations to Jen Yuska.

For information regarding QR codes, contact Evelyn Gleason or Mary Crout

New Business:

Colleen O’Connell will be putting together an inventory of all SSPRPA assets so all can utilize them. Procedures for where they are and how they will be lent out is also being put together.

Insurance Update: Sharon Rybek is looking into this to clarify the “errors and emissions” clause.

IPRA Update: An email from John Curran was read. An IPRA Task Force is being formed to address municipal recreation issues on what role would you like to see this group take, how frequently they should meet and what you would like to see covered at these meetings. On Friday, January 26th from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Gold Coast Room there will be a meeting.

Announcements:

- Lee Ann congratulated Mike Baiardo, Alsip, on birth of daughter
- Facilities committee will meet January 18th in Mokena to discuss concessions, vending and babysitting
- Lori Chesna announced that Denise Iwinski will be leaving January 13th and going to Oak Lawn Park District. Job posting for this position closes on January 13th.
- Oak Lawn has posted position for General Golf Manager
- SPRA social at conference scheduled for Thursday, January 26th there will be a photo booth

- Special Events committee next meeting February 8th 3:00 pm Romeoville to discuss Summer Events
- Romeoville posted Office Manager position
- John Wilson announced that John Curran will be installed as chair at the IPRA meeting on Friday, 5:00 pm January 27th

Ingalls Wellness and Chicago Southland Visitors Bureau, today's sponsors, spoke.

Evelyn Gleason, Jim Romanek presented regarding website to access voting information on districts and our representatives. Paul Parise presented an IMRF update.

The next meeting, Thursday, February 9th – location TBA – Program: Students, Professionals and Education.

A motion for adjournment was made by Jeannette Huber and Lori Chesna. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Nissen

Laurie Nissen, Secretary