



General Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2023 @ 11:00am

Moraine Valley Community College Building H Health, Fitness and Recreation Center

**Call to Order** – 11:10am

**Introductions** - Members said their name, the agency they are from, and the college they graduated from.

**President's Report** – Happy February! Thank you, students, for being here.

**President Elect Report** – Hope everyone had a great conference. It was good to see everyone that made it to the social.

**Past President Report** – Absent/no report.

**Secretary's Report** – The January minutes have been posted on the website. A reminder to the committee chairs to send me their agendas and minutes to be posted on the website.

Motion to approve the January General meeting minutes: Brenna Bowers from the Mokena Park District. Second: Nikki Gotsch

Motion carries

**Treasurer's Report** – We currently have 269 members with 42 agencies. Our beginning balance as of January 1 was \$19,203.66. Deposits for the month totaled \$7,780.99 and that included the January meeting, as well as the social. Our debits for the month totaled \$2,947.55 and that was for the social, lunch reimbursement for Hickory Hills meeting, as well as some committee lunches. The ending balance as of January 31 was \$24,037.10. For the Wilson Family Fund savings account for January, the beginning/ending balance was \$1,500.08. For the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund CD, we had interest this month of \$4.89, so the ending balance as of January 31 is \$10,789.62. The Treasurer's report has been filed for audit.

**Committee Reports**

Olga gave an overview for the students of what the committees are all about and the benefits of joining one.

- **Adult/Senior Committee** (Marie Piotrowski Lemont & Devin Frendreis Homewood-Flossmoor) – Marie gave an overview of the committee. We met January 18 and discussed goals and objectives that we have for our adult and senior programming for this year. We discussed conference sessions and booking entertainment for our senior events. Our next meeting is February 15 at 3pm via Zoom.
- **Athletics** (Skyler Ramberger Mokena) – Absent/report submitted: Olga gave an overview of the committee. The next meeting is February 27 at 11am via Zoom.
- **Awards** (Rachel Bauer Mokena & Kristine Wahlgren Romeoville) – It is time to start thinking about who in this group is deserving of recognition. An email went out last week with the information. Flyers are also on the tables. You can also find it on the website

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under the Awards committee section. It comes with a \$500 educational award.

Submissions are due by March 17. Reach out to myself or Kristine with any questions.

- **Day Camp/Teens** (Meghan Fenlon Tinley Park) – Meghan gave an overview of the committee. We met this past Tuesday at Pleasant Dale and talked about games and activities and shared our favorites. We talked about staffing issues and teen programs. Next meeting is March 7 at 2pm Lockport Park District. Meghan gave an overview of Day Camp Workshop. We are just starting to meet for the year. If you are interested in joining that committee, let me know. If you have a great speaker, we are looking for people.
- **Diversity** (Keith Wallace LWSRA & Nikki Gotsch) – We have a meeting on February 16 via Zoom. Watch the movie Hidden Figures for discussion. Nikki gave an overview of the committee.
- **Early Childhood** (Kelly Matson New Lenox) – Kelly gave an overview of the committee. Our next meeting is February 16 via Zoom. We will discuss preschool registration, open houses, and conference sessions.
- **Facilities** (Cate Coyle Oak Lawn & Joe Smith Palos Heights) Cate gave an overview of the committee. Our next meeting is February 22 at 3pm and we will be discussing conference sessions we attended.
- **Legislative** (Hollice Clark Calumet Memorial & Greg Lewis New Lenox) – Hollice gave an overview of the committee. We have the Legislative breakfast scheduled for February 17 at the Tinley Park Park District at 7:30am. Our next meeting will be part of the General meeting on March 9, and we will talk about the legislative process. Rebecca Perkaus asked if the invitation to the breakfast was supposed to go out to the membership.  
Olga: At the Executive meeting we talked about sending it out to all the members. For this year, because it is next week and there is limited seating, we cannot send it to everyone. Sandy from Tinley will send it to the Directors and the Directors reach out to their staff that they see fit going to the Legislative breakfast. That is under review. It is a SSPRPA sponsored Legislative breakfast and we want this going out to the membership, so we need to have space for everyone. If you would like to attend the breakfast, please talk to your Director for this year.
- **Professional Development** (Olga Viano New Lenox & Beth Nagel Frankfort) – Olga gave an overview of the committee. The March meeting will be the legislative presentation.
- **School Age** (Rebecca Perkaus Alsip & Sarah Carr Pleasant Dale) – Rebecca gave an overview of the committee. We met on January 20 and discussed conference topics we were going to be attending, behavior strategies, safety topics, how to maintain a work/life balance, and a reminder that the PowerPlay grant is due February 17. Next meeting is February 24 via Zoom. We will discuss conference takeaways and spring offerings.
- **Social** (Lauren Koszola Palos Heights) – Absent/report submitted. Eric Sloyan gave an overview of the committee. Thank you to everyone that came out and volunteered for the

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conference social. Thank you to the Executive Board for their help in planning and thank you to Keith for being the DJ and to Pleasant Dale for helping carry the games.

- **Special Events** (Eric Sloyan Palos Heights, Brenna Bowers Mokena & Laurie Murray Pleasant Dale) – We met on January 17 and discussed conference sessions, as well as mother/son, and daddy/daughter events we have coming up. Next meeting is February 14 at 11am via Zoom.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing** (Amy Maher New Lenox) – Absent/report submitted. Olga gave an overview of the committee. Turf Tank is going to be a silver sponsor for the May social. Next meeting is February 21 via Zoom.
- **Student** (Delaney Harty Oak Lawn & Marie Piotrowski Lemont) – Delaney gave an overview of the committee. Thank you to all of the students and professionals for attending.

#### **Old Business**

- Strategic Plan Update – We are still working to get the Strategic Plan updated for the next SSPRPA year.

#### **New Business**

- Board Positions Open: Secretary, Treasurer, President Elect – We have a couple of people that are going to run, but we need more. We are planning to have a Zoom meeting with the Board that will be sent to the members to ask questions about the positions and hopefully get more people interested.

#### **Announcements**

Olga: Parks & Grounds are in the process of forming a committee. Reach out to Ryan Veldman or Chris Finn if you are interested.

Marina from SWSRA: We are having a Double Good fundraiser.

Greg Lewis: All of the committees work hard year in and year out. What happened at conference, South Suburban rocks! We owe a round of applause for everyone that volunteered and got involved and made that happen.

**Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sarah Hamilton from Lockport Park District,  
Second: Cate Coyle from Oak Lawn Park District.

Motion carries.

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:49am