

South  *Suburban*
Park & Recreation
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023

Hickory Hills Park District, Krueger Park Recreation Center, 11:00am

Call to Order – 11:15am

Introductions – No introductions were given.

President's Report – Thank you to everyone that is here that is newer to the Association and to the people that came that are lifers. Happy New Year! Thank you to Hickory Hills for hosting!

President Elect Report – Reminder we have three Board seats that are available for election in April; President Elect, Treasure, and Secretary. If you have been thinking about stepping up, now is a great time. Feel free to ask any of us that are in the position about it. It is a great way to get involved.

Past President Report – Hope you had a good holiday, good New Year! It is great to see so many people here. Thanks to Hickory Hills for hosting.

Secretary's Report – Good morning everyone! Happy New Year! I have posted the December minutes to the website. I have been updating the website, so committee chairs please continue to send me our agendas and meeting minutes to post. I also added the Adult/Senior Committee to the website so if anyone is interested in learning more about that please check out the website.

Motion to approve the December General meeting minutes: Lauren Koszola from Palos Heights Parks & Rec, Second: Delaney Harty from Oak Lawn Park District.

Motion carries

Treasurer's Report – We have 264 current members. That is an increase of 4 from last month. Our beginning balance as of December 1 was \$16,911.32. Deposits for the month totaled \$4,481.90 and that included the December social and meeting, new members, sponsorship, and the majority of that was for the IPRF Scholarship for \$3,500 that covered the cost of the November workshop. Our debits for the month totaled \$2,189.56, and that was for the December social, gift cards for the social, committee meeting, shipping expense, Drop Box subscription, CEUs for today's meeting as well as our insurance renewal. The ending balance as of December 31 was \$19,203.66. For the Wilson Family Fund savings account for December, the beginning balance was \$1,000.05. Our credits for the month were \$500.03 and that was the annual contribution from the Wilson family towards the scholarship. That was \$500 plus an interest of .03 cents. We had no expenses and our ending balance as of December 31 was \$1,500.08. For the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund CD, it did not gain any interest this month so the beginning/ending balance is \$10,784.73. The Treasurer's report has been filed for audit.

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Committee Reports

- **Adult/Senior Committee** (Marie Piotrowski Lemont & Devin Frendreis Homewood-Flossmoor) – We met in-person on December 14. It was our first official meeting. We discussed trendy options for older adults and seniors and how to engage them. Programming ideas for grandparent/grandchild and implementing a pen pal program between seniors and preschool or before and after school. We also discussed entertainment ideas. We had a “favorite things” gift exchange. Next meeting is January 18 at 3pm via Zoom.
- **Athletics** (Skyler Ramberger Mokena) – We did not meet in December due to busy schedules. We have our Rocket League Tournament that starts on January 24. We are looking for more registrations, so if you could share it on your Facebook page, that would help SSPRPA out. Our next meeting is January 23 at 11am via Zoom.
- **Awards** (Rachel Bauer Mokena & Kristine Wahlgren Romeoville) – We are working on the nomination forms. It will be out in the beginning of February. We do awards for the Young Professional of the Year, Professional of the Year, and milestones. The deadline will be in March and we will do the awards presentation at the April meeting.
- **Day Camp/Teens** (Meghan Fenlon Tinley Park) – Day camp and Teens is comprised of two different parts. One is Camp and Teens. For that we met December 13 and discussed items for 2023 including staffing, raises, incentives, camp themes, daily themes, lesson plans, etc. Our next meeting is February 7 at the Pleasant Dale Park District at 2pm. We will be bringing our favorite games and activities and creating a book for our staff with those activities. We are also working with Moraine Valley on a mentoring program. Stacy, who is the chair for the Rec Therapy and Rec program, is going to be working with her students and professionals in the mentoring program in how to put on a special event. If you are interested in that program, reach out to myself or Stacy at Moraine Valley. She is looking for 8-10 agencies. You will be paired up with one student and assisting that student on how to put on a program. You will meet 4 times. The student would be expected to work the program and present a final report. The first meeting is at Moraine Valley on Friday, February 3 with the students. This committee also puts on the Day Camp workshop that is held in June. We meet after conference in the beginning of February. I will send out info to those that have been on the committee in the past. We are always looking for new participants, so reach out if you are interested.
- **Diversity** (Keith Wallace LWSRA & Nikki Gotsch) – We are meeting January 19 and will discuss diversity with special events.
- **Early Childhood** (Kelly Matson New Lenox) – We did not meet in December. Our next meeting is February 16 at 1pm via Zoom. I am looking for a co-chair. If you know anyone that would like to get involved, have them contact me.
- **Facilities** (Cate Coyle Oak Lawn & Joe Smith Palos Heights) – We did not meet in December due to low attendance. The topic was maintenance, so we are roll that into our January 18 meeting. Topics for that meeting will also include aquatics, playgrounds, and

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other outdoor parks and facilities. I will send out the Zoom link. If anyone is interested in joining, reach out to me or Cate.

- **Legislative** (Hollice Clark Calumet Memorial & Greg Lewis New Lenox) – We met on Monday and discussed OSLAD grant opportunities, JLC updates, we have a legislative breakfast at Tinley Park on February 17 at 7:30am. There are 12 of them throughout the state of Illinois. We are gearing up for conference and trying to get as many legislators to attend the Friday luncheon. Olga updated us on what the Executive Board is doing. The overall consensus is the direction and what is being done here is excellent. Our next meeting is February 9 at Moraine Valley prior to the General meeting. All are welcome.
- **Professional Development** (Olga Viano New Lenox & Beth Nagel Frankfort) – Thank you to Rosie and Mary for our presentation today on Finding Balance and Boundaries. February is the student meeting at Moraine. March is the Legislative program presentation. April will be the awards at the Crete Park District. May will be the social.
- **School Age** (Rebecca Perkaus Alsip & Sarah Carr Pleasant Dale) – We did not meet in December. We are meeting January 20 via Zoom. We will discuss conference sessions, behavior strategies for before and after school program, safety training topics for our staff, and how to maintain a work/life balance.
- **Social** (Lauren Koszola Palos Heights) – Our conference social is on Friday, January 27. It is a sports theme. You can pre-register or pay at the door. Thank you to Keith for being our DJ. Thanks to everyone that signed up to volunteer. If you want to join the social committee, let me know.
- **Special Events** (Eric Sloyan Palos Heights, Brenna Bowers Mokena & Laurie Murray Pleasant Dale) – We met December 13 and discussed Santa/holiday events, indoor Farmers Market, and New Year's eve events. Our next meeting is January 17 at 11am via Zoom. We will be discussing Father/Daughter and Mother/Son events as well as conference topics that relate to special events.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing** (Amy Maher New Lenox) – Our newest sponsor is Civic Plus and they are our silver sponsor for the end of the year social. We met December 17. Our next meeting is January 17.
- **Student** (Delaney Harty Oak Lawn & Marie Piotrowski Lemont) – We are always looking for new members if anyone is interested. Our next meeting is January 19 at Moraine Valley. It will be the final walk through and preparation for the student meeting on February 9 at Moraine Valley. The Executive committee approved the student scholarship and those are on the website. We have an Undergrad and a Graduate scholarship. Those will be open until the end of March.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan Update – We met and formulated a few goals and objectives for the next three years for SSPRPA. Tom will put it all together and review it. We will have a Strategic Plan

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- Insurance – We renewed with Cincinnati Insurance for the next 3 years.

New Business

- IPRA – Vince/Membership Manager with IPRA: We are working with all of our affiliates on and Affiliate Council on better ways to serve our members. Over the next year, keep an eye out for new things from us. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see, please reach out to me.

Announcements

- No announcements

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sarah Carr from the Pleasant Dale Park District,
Second: Leah Pipras from New Lenox Park District.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned: 11:39am