



General Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022
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Call to Order – 10:00am

President’s Report- Thank you everyone for being on today. We invite everyone to stay after for the student program that will be from 10:30am-12:30pm. Great to see most of you at conference. They did a good job of making it close to pre-pandemic as they could, given all the restrictions and mitigations. I want to thank the social committee for all the work on the conference social. That was very successful. I know it was trying with getting all of the issues sorted out with the hotel and all the back and forth, so thank you.

President Elect Report – I thought conference was really great as well. Social committee and everyone that volunteered to help out, thank you for that. We have the President Elect position that is going to be open this year, so if you are interested in that let me know.

Past President Report – Thank you to everyone that attended the social at Conference. Thank you to everyone that took the time to plan the social.

Secretary’s Report – I wanted to thank the Social committee for a great conference social. The January minutes have been posted to the website.

Motion to approve the January meeting minutes: Olga Viano from New Lenox Park District, Second: Chris Finn from Park District of Lagrange. Motion carries

Treasurer’s Report – Great job to the Social committee and I though conference was really good this year. The Treasurer’s report, the balance as of January 1, 2022 was \$14,814.80. Our total deposits were \$4,945.99. The majority of those were from the social as well as a few memberships. Our total expenses for the month were \$1,956.87 and included Drop Box yearly subscription, different items for the social, and reimbursements for the lunch for the November meeting. Our ending balance as of January 31, 2022 is \$17,803.92.

Kevin: Any discussion on the Treasurer’s report? We will file that report for audit.

Committee Reports

- **Athletics (Keith Blomberg)** –We met on January 24. We discussed Winter/Spring programs, athletic contractors, and a preview for the IPRA conference. We will meet again on February 28. We also have our South Suburban Rocket League Tournament that started January 31 and we have 14 participants.
- **Awards (Rachel Bauer & Kristine Wahlgren)** – It is that time to start thinking about awards nominations. We will be getting you a document soon that outlines everything. We have been talking about some changes, so I wanted to highlight it. We are only doing two awards this year; Young Professional and Professional of the year. Both of them will come with a \$500 education reimbursement. The Young Professional is going to come from the John Wilson Family Scholarship Fund and the Professional of the Year will come from South Suburban. Some of the changes are in the two sections; “You Must Meet” and “You Should Meet some of these.” We

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changed that the Young Professional is now a minimum of one year, but less than eight. We also added some criteria to the second section that you have to meet a minimum of six rather than five. You will see that in writing once we get that out to the membership. This year in order to apply there are two things that we need; a narrative that explains why the candidate meets the criteria and a letter of reference. One of these has to come from the Executive Director or Direct Supervisor. You can nominate yourself. Those will be due to me by Friday, March 11. We will email it out as soon as the final copy is available.

- **Day Camp/Teens (Meghan Fenlon)** – If you are interested in the Day Camp Workshop component we are scheduling our meeting soon. If you are more on the teen and camp side, we are meeting February 17 via Zoom at 10 am.
- **Diversity (Keith Wallace & Nikki Gotsch)** – We have a meeting today at 2:00 pm via Zoom. We are going to go over a documentary and discuss our upcoming presentation in March.
- **Early Childhood (Karen Cooper, Scott Gray & Kelly Matson)** – Absent/no report
- **Facilities (Chris Finn & Rachel Bauer)** – We will meet on February 23 at 1:30 pm via Zoom. The topics will be facilities in general, rentals, and shelters – indoor and outdoor rentals.
- **Legislative (Hollie Clark & Greg Lewis)** – We met on February 7 and covered a variety of topics, most recent the mask mandates or non-mandates. We have the Legislative Breakfast coming up which is a Zoom hosted by Tinley Park on February 28. It is virtual so there is a link out there. If you did not receive it, we will drop it in the chat box. We are gearing up to go to Springfield for the Legislative Conference on March 8 and 9. South Suburban will be doing a social networking event at Alexandria's immediately following the Illini Club gathering on Tuesday night. Those invitations went out and we are trying to get a head count. Our next Zoom meeting will be on March 14.
- **Membership/Publicity (Jason Braglia & Beth Nagel)** – We had some new membership. We currently have 239 members, 26 more than we had last year. We have 54 full members, 174 select members, 9 businesses, 1 retired, 1 individual, and 1 University.
- **Professional Development (Olga Viano & Beth Nagel)** – In March we are set for Oak Forest Park District for the Legislative update and Diversity committee will be giving a presentation. April we are in Midlothian for the Awards and May is the social which is TBD as of now. We will get planning for next year. If anyone has ideas for speakers let me know.
- **School Age (Rebecca Perkaus)** – We met on January 21 and we talked about afterschool staff pay as well as in-house instructor pay. We talked about winter break camps and school day out programming and attendance on those. We discussed new

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contractor programs. Our next meeting is February 25 at 1 pm via Zoom. Topics include what incentives we are doing to retain and show gratitude towards staff in a cost effective way, structure of before and after school programs, program evaluations, and staff evaluations.

- **Social (Cassie Proctor & Erin Cortilet)** – Thank you to everyone that came out to the conference social. A special thank you to our sponsors Direct Fitness and Henry Bros. A special thank you to Keith Wallace our DJ. Thank you to everyone that volunteered. Our next social will be the closing social in May. We do not have a meeting confirmed at this time but anyone that is interested can contact me or Cassie for more information.
- **Special Events (Eric Sloyan & Cassie Proctor)** – We met on February 8. We discussed the conference sessions we attended and what we got out of them. We discussed our Daddy/Daughter Dances and the themes and different vendors we use. Our next meeting will be March 8 at 11 am via Zoom. We will discuss Easter egg hunts and other events coming up.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing (Amy Maher & Jason Braglia)** – We met in January and discussed getting more memberships to SSPRPA, Facebook, and how to get more sponsors to our event. Our next meeting is Tuesday at 10 am. Our topics are apps and using those to market our programs and Facebook ads.
- **Student (Delaney Harty)** – We will be having the student meeting following the General meeting. We will have six professionals speaking with a variety of experience from newly in the field full time to up to 20 years or so fulltime in the field. We will be meeting February 15 at 3 pm via Zoom to do an evaluation of the meeting and come up with a plan for the Student Committee and things we can do differently moving forward.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan Update - Tom has compiled all the information from the groups that we met with in October. I am getting a survey together. He has sent a poll out. I will work on scheduling a meeting for the end of this month to get the group together to gather all the information, get a survey together to get out to the members and get the Strategic Plan rolling. If you did not receive the poll, please let Tom or myself know.
- March 3 Leadership Workshop: The Big Picture Behind Solving Big Problems as being presented by Bobbi Nance of Recreation Results. It is scheduled from 11 am- 2 pm at the Palos Heights Parks & Rec facility. We have been granted the IPRF Sponsorship for Education Programming in the amount of \$750, so we would like to thank IPRF for that sponsorship. With that sponsorship, we are able to drop the price of the workshop to \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. 0.2 CEU's will be awarded for attending the

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workshop in its entirety. Lunch will also be provided. Jason should be getting the registration out by Monday the latest.

- Jason: Registration is available on the website, I just don't have the description. Once I get that I will send it out. Registration is up and ready to go.

New Business - None

Sponsor – Wight & Company

Announcements – Marie from Lemont Park District/Jason sent an email regarding the Adult/Senior Committee I am going to try to get going. This committee will discuss all types of senior programming from trips to new program ideas, sponsorships, and trends. I also want to add in adult (18+) programming as I feel this area can also be challenging. I will put my email in the chat so reach out if you are interested.

Rachel Bauer: An email was sent through the IPRA community bulletin board but I am also involved in the Facility Management Workshop through IPRA. We are looking for speakers that can talk about topics on fighting burnout, finding work/life balance, staff development and staff retention, how different generations interact in the workplace, and finding success in a Covid world getting people back in your facility. It could be a panel or solo presentation. Contact me if you know anyone that is interested.

Stacy Proper: Beth Nagel has accepted the Recreation Supervisor position at the Frankfort Park District. She starts tomorrow and she will be in charge of all of our athletic programming. We are excited to have her as part of our team.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting: Olga Viano from New Lenox Park District,
Second by: Chris Finn from Park District of Lagrange.

Meeting adjourned: 10:24am