



General Meeting Minutes
January, 13, 2022
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Call to Order – 11:03 am

President's Report- Thank you everyone for coming. It is nice to see so many different faces and agencies attending. I know it is difficult trying to get everyone out in person. I hope everyone had a very good holiday and new year. For those agencies in Cook County I know it was a struggle with the new mandates that came out and I am sure that kept you busy. Thanks you to T-Mobile for sponsoring today's meeting. I encourage everyone to get involved with SSPRPA whether on a committee or on the Board. We will have elections for the President Elect position, so reach out to Olga or myself for more information

President Elect Report – Happy New Year everyone. I agree with Kevin on the importance of getting involved with SSPRPA.

Past President Report – Happy January everyone! I want to do a shout out to the Diversity Committee. They worked with the social committee to collect donations for the Blessing bags at the social for the South Suburbia Crisis Center.

Secretary's Report – Happy New Year everyone. It is great to see so everybody joining the meeting today. The December minutes have been posted on the website.

Motion to approve the December meeting minutes: Meghan Fenlon from Tinley Park Park District, Second: Keith Blomberg from New Lenox Park District. Motion carries

Treasurer's Report – Happy Thursday! The Treasurer's report has been posted on the website. At the beginning of December our balance was \$15,829.58. Our total deposits were \$296.77. Those were meeting and social payments and one business membership. Our total debits for the month were \$1,354.64. That was for the yearly insurance policy as well as food, drinks, bowling and some prizes for the December social. Our ending balance as of December 31, 2021 is \$14,771.71.

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

Committee Reports

- **Athletics (Keith Blomberg) –** We did not meet in December due to lack of attendance. For January, we will meet on January 24 instead of the 17th with it being MLK Day. We will also try to meet at conference for a round table meeting. Rocket League Tournament participation numbers are low. The registration deadline is January 19. The participating agencies will continue to promote.

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- **Awards (Rachel Bauer & Kristine Wahlgren)** – We have been working on updating the awards criteria. Once that is available we will get that information out to you. There are exciting changes coming up.
- **Day Camp/Teens (Meghan Fenlon)** – Our committee consists of two groups; the 1st does Teen programming and the other does Day Camp. We weren't able to meet in January. With Conference, we are skipping this month. The committee will meet on February 17 via Zoom. If you are not receiving that information, reach out to Meghan at Tinley Park and I will make sure you are on the list. In December we did discuss staffing, staff recruitment, and staff retention as well as some mitigation changes we are looking at and how we are setting up our camps with field trips and in-house visitors. There is also a part of this committee that does the Day Camp Workshop. This workshop is a large camp staff training that we provide yearly. We have not been able to hold it the past two years, but based on feedback the committee has received, we will bring it back. It will be held on June 3 at the Tinley Park Park District. If you are interested in joining the committee reach out to me. We will be sending out a survey shortly to those that have participated in the workshop in the past or if you run a camp. I am contacting you to see what you are looking for in regards to staffing, length of the program. Everything will be dependent on what we can offer, but we will look to adapt that to a half-day program vs a full-day or move it outside.
- **Diversity (Keith Wallace & Nikki Gotsch)** – Absent/no report
- **Early Childhood (Karen Cooper, Scott Gray & Kelly Matson)** – Kelly/The committee met in December. They discussed vaccination requirements for teachers, students and families, mask-wearing, open house, upcoming registrations, parent/teacher conferences, building back America and its effect on Park District programming, parent communication, weekly newsletters, and how we keep in touch with families with Remind apps and different platforms. Our next meeting is January 20.
- **Facilities (Chris Finn & Rachel Bauer)** – We will meet on January 19 at 1:30 pm via Zoom. The topics will crossover on programming and facilities. The topics will be open gym, sports programming, Pickleball, and drop-in programming. If you would like to be added to the facility committee, I will get information to Jason to make sure it is on the website or I will put my email in the chat box.
- **Legislative (Hollice Clark & Greg Lewis)** – We met on Monday via Zoom. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 7 by Zoom. We had a presentation by Jill Reffet, Director of Business Development at MapHabit – maphabit.com. She got very emotional because she has kids in the family that it has changed their life. It is a program that is on an iPad that reminds you and walks you through the steps of different life skills. They are adapting it to active adults with memory issues. If you

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are interested in it, go to maphabit.com and get more information. We talked about the Chicagoland Executive lunch that was up North that went well. It brought all the Directors and all the Administrators together across the state of Illinois. We hit on new laws that are going into effect on January 1, which more of that will roll out at conference. PDRMA and IPARKS did the same thing, big discussion on Cyber security coverage with the districts and what that means. There are a lot of costs involved with that. A little discussion was had on Conference and it will mostly be contained at the hotel and you will need a valid vaccination card. You can attend sessions without it, but you are limited to food and beverage choices pretty much to your room. You will get a wristband when you check in at conference that you produced your ID and vaccination card. Shawn from Tinley discussed the mandates put in place for Cook County. We have a Legislative breakfast via Zoom that will be hosted by Tinley Park on February 28. We are one of the four groups that got asked to do this. Our Legislative breakfast is always very informative and well attended. We discussed Covid updates, job openings, and other things that affect us all. IDOL adopted the OSHA standards so as the next couple of months roll out, either having a Covid vaccine or weekly testing looks like it is going to happen unless something happens at the Supreme Court. Because Illinois has adopted it, we are all going to have to move forward with policies and be prepared to implement them by a certain date if the Supreme court doesn't turn it around.

- **Membership/Publicity (Jason Braglia & Beth Nagel)** – We had one new business member; it was Snapology. I am trying to see if they are interested in coming out to one of our events or one of our meetings.
- **Professional Development (Olga Viano & Beth Nagel)** – The meeting is Zoom today. Delaney will touch on the Student meeting in February. We will see where we are in March. We are supposed to be at Oak Forest Park District and that will be the Legislative update and Diversity is supposed to be giving a presentation as well. On March 3 Bobbie Nance will be doing her second presentation in our workshop series. More information will be emailed out about that.

Kevin: I got an update from Barry Franks from IPRA. The IPRF Board is meeting this Friday. I attended their December meeting. We applied for a grant to cover Bobbie's education fee. That was \$750. They did not have a quorum at December's meeting so they could not vote on it. That vote is supposed to happen this month, so we should find out after that if it has been approved.

- **School Age (Rebecca Perkaus)** – We did not meet in December due to low attendance, but we will be meeting in January. We had to switch the date due to

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- conference. We will meet January 21 at 1 pm via Zoom. If anyone wants to be added to the committee, email me or the information is also available on the website.
- **Social (Cassie Proctor & Erin Cortilet)** – Thank you to everyone that came to the December social. I also wanted to extend appreciation to everyone on the social committee because these Cook County mandates have caused a lot of changes for our planning for the Conference social. We have decided to move forward with Friday, January 28 from 9 pm-midnight for the Conference social with a Winter Olympics theme to be held onsite at the hotel as it has been in previous years. It is a \$15 preregistration which you should have all received the link yesterday. If you did not receive it, if you want to type your address in the chat, we will make sure to send it to you. It is \$15 pre-registration through Tuesday, January 25 or you can purchase at the door for \$20. The fee includes an open bar, games, and a DJ. We have two sponsors; Henry Bothers and Direct Fitness Solutions. We are looking for help that night with 1-hour shifts starting at 8:30 – 11:30 pm, so if anyone is available to help with working the door or split the pot raffle tickets please let Cassie or I know. We will also have a DJ, so thank you to Keith Wallace for being our DJ. The next thing we will work on is the May social so if anyone is interested in joining the committee let us know. Our next meeting is on January 20 at 9:30 am via Zoom.
 - **Special Events (Eric Sloyan & Cassie Proctor)** – We met back in December and discussed all of our holiday events, our Santa vendors, and everything we are doing with our holiday events. We are not meeting in January due to conference and everyone’s schedule. We will meet Tuesday, February 8 at 11 am via Zoom.
 - **Sponsorship/Marketing (Amy Maher & Jason Braglia)** - Amy Maher is now going to be the chair of the committee. I am going to be sitting in with her as a co-chair for now. I want to Thank T-Mobile for sponsoring today’s meeting. We are still looking for a sponsor for our May social. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 18 at 10:30 am. If anyone is interested, you can send myself or Amy an email.
 - **Student (Delaney Harty)** – We have some updates on the student meeting. We had originally planned to have it in person at Moraine Valley, but unfortunately, with the guidelines surrounding Covid, we did lose that space. We are going to maintain a virtual format as we did in 2021. The student virtual meeting will be held the same day as our General meeting on Thursday, February 10. It will be from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm following the General Meeting. We are going to have six speakers with years of experience across the board. I am still looking for a speaker with 15 years or more of experience. If interested, you will be working alongside Jacqueline Canty of the Oak Lawn Park District. Email me if you are interested. We have speakers secured: Marie Piotroski from Lemont, Cara Case and Eric Sloyan from Palos

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Heights, Keith Blomberg from New Lenox, and Jacqueline Canty from Oak Lawn. We are going to have our student scholarships posted by the end of this month on the South Suburban website as well as Facebook. We have an undergraduate and a graduate scholarship; both offering an award of \$500 each. If you have questions, please contact me.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan Update - Tom has compiled all the notes from the roundtable discussions. He is going to be putting that all together. The committee will meet one more time in February and that information will go out to Association after that meeting.
- General Meeting Status Update – Obviously today is via Zoom and next month is also Zoom with the Student Committee meeting. We are going to take it month by month after that based on the metrics, state and county guidelines, our host agencies, and what they are comfortable with. Things are very fluid.

New Business - None

Sponsor – T-Mobile: Mike McCauley from T-Mobile gave a presentation

Announcements – Mike Selep: IPRA is looking for moderators for Conference sessions. Click on the Google doc link and Leesa from IPRA will contact you.

Mike Robinson: I am with Snapology. I just joined the group and happy to be a part of it. Look forward to meeting you.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting: Olga Viano from New Lenox Park District, Second by: Cate Coyle from Oak Lawn Park District

Meeting adjourned: 11:58 am

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