



General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023 @ 11:00am
Willard Wood Park Center – Crete Park District

Call to Order – 11:17am

Introductions - Members said their name and the agency they are from.

President's Report – Thank you Crete for hosting! Thank you to everyone that has hosted this year.

President Elect Report – Thank you everyone for coming!

Past President Report – No report.

Secretary's Report – The March meeting minutes have been posted to the website.

Motion to approve the March General meeting minutes; everyone in favor say aye: members in favor. Opposed: none. Ayes have it, motion passes

Treasurer's Report – For our main checking account the beginning balance as of March 1 was \$22,813.86. Deposits for the month totaled \$1,199.24 and that included meeting and membership fees, March sponsor, and raffle tickets. Our debits for the month totaled \$7,180.45 and that included conference social rental fee of \$3,634.53, conference social supplies, Executive Committee meeting lunch for \$538.85, March General meeting lunch for \$1,093.81, Conference Social split with SPRA for \$525.84, TV for Parks Day, scholarship money that was transferred to the Oak Lawn Park District for Delaney Harty for \$419. The ending balance as of March 31 was \$22,813.86. For the Wilson Family Fund savings account, as of February 1 the beginning/ending balance was \$16,832.65. For the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund savings account, we had a beginning balance of \$1,500.08. We accrued \$.03 interest. We transferred \$419 to our checking account to reimburse the Oak Lawn Park District for Delaney's scholarship. We have an ending balance of \$1,081.11. For the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund CD, there was no activity, so our beginning/ending balance was \$10,789.62.

The Treasurer's report has been filed for audit.

Committee Reports

- **Adult/Senior Committee** (Marie Piotrowski Lemont & Devin Frendreis Homewood-Flossmoor) – Met on March 15 and discussed program successes and failures, international travel and partnering with outside companies, marketing trips, and topics for future. Next meeting is April 19 at 3pm.
- **Athletics** (Skyler Ramberger Mokena & Beth Nagel Frankfort) – Met on March 20 with 8 in attendance. Beth Nagel from Frankfort is the new co-chair. We discussed pickleball and how open play works, coaches training, background checks, and a guest speaker. Next meeting is April 17 at 11am.

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- **Awards** (Rachel Bauer Mokena & Kristine Wahlgren Romeoville) – Thank you to everyone that was part of this process. Stay tuned for a great ceremony.
- **Day Camp/Teens** (Meghan Fenlon Tinley Park) – Absent/Rebecca reported: We discussed teen program updates, camp manuals, camp orientation, CIT programs, and Day Camp workshop is on June 2.
- **Diversity** (Keith Wallace LWSRA & Nikki Gotsch Village of Palos Park) – Met on March 16 and talked about Hidden Figures. Next meeting is April 20 and we will discuss Juneteenth celebrations.
- **Early Childhood** (Kelly Matson New Lenox & Devin Frendreis Homewood-Flossmoor) – Met on March 16 and discussed tuition increases and discounts, registration process, staff pay rates, and the Early Childhood workshop. Next meeting is April 20.
- **Facilities** (Cate Coyle Oak Lawn & Joe Smith Palos Heights) – Met on March 22 and discussed facility rentals, fees, and drop in rates. Next meeting is April 26 and we will discuss use of technology at our facilities.
- **Legislative** (Hollice Clark Calumet Memorial & Greg Lewis New Lenox) – Met this morning and discussed OSLAD updates, legislative updates, May 2 is Parks Day at the Capitol, May 3 is the legislative conference, and the legislative social in Springfield.
- **Professional Development** (Olga Viano New Lenox & Beth Nagel Frankfort) – Working on setting the meeting dates and educational workshops for next year. Hope to get that out in May.
- **School Age** (Rebecca Perkaus Alsip & Sarah Carr Pleasant Dale) – Met March 24 and discussed dance recitals, staff appreciation, and youth programs for the summer. Next meeting is April 21.
- **Social** (Lauren Koszola Palos Heights & Brenna Bowers Mokena) – Brenna from Mokena is the new co-chair. May social is going to be at the Park at Oak Forest Bowl. There will be sand volleyball, bags, have lunch. It will be on May 11 and the meeting will start at 12:30pm followed by the social. Interested in joining the committee, reach out to Lauren.
- **Special Events** (Eric Sloyan Palos Heights, Brenna Bowers Mokena & Laurie Murray Pleasant Dale) – Met on Tuesday and discussed Easter events. Next meeting is May 9 and we will discuss summer events.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing** (Amy Maher New Lenox) - Did not meet in March. Next meeting is April 18 and we will discuss planning for next year. If anyone is interested in chairing or co-chairing, please reach out.
- **Student** (Delaney Harty Oak Lawn & Marie Piotrowski Lemont) – The meeting in April was comprised of grading the applicants for the student scholarships, so myself, Marie, Olga, and Kevin reviewed the applications. Next meeting is May 18 and we will be discussing the game plan for the student committee next year. We met with the Executive Board on Zoom about revamping the committee. Plans included shifting the focus of the group from having the February student meeting to having the association going out to the students and meeting at the universities and colleges instead of expecting



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them to come out to us. We are going to extend our reach beyond recreation and look at other degrees such as human resources, facilities, and finance that fall into positions at our agencies.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan Update - Tom Hartwig: The sheets are on the table to look at and provide input. If there is something you think South Suburban should be working on, you will have to email that to me in the next couple of weeks. The board will be voting on this at the next meeting. There are four key areas we are looking at. Any questions or suggestions, reach out to Tom. SSPRPA will send the Strategic Plan to the membership for everyone to review and will include Tom's email. We will vote on it in May.

New Business

- Parks Day – Pictures emailed to Olga – oviano@newlenoxparks.org – An email was sent out regarding pictures for Parks Day related to health/fitness or OSLAD pictures. We will have a TV at our booth to display them. It is not too late to send your pictures.
- Swag Items - Monday April 24 – Mokena, Frankfort or New Lenox - if you have anything you would like to give away at Parks Day, please drop off at Mokena, Frankfort or New Lenox by April 24.
- Voting Email – You will receive an email on Friday (tomorrow) with voting information. On the ballot you will have the President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. We will also have a by-law amendment and addition on there as well. If you do not get the email by Monday, please check your spam folder or email me. Two things for the by-laws; for the membership we are recommending that we change the University member to University/Faculty member. This used to include 10 student memberships and it was \$50. We want to change it to just include faculty or staff in the University and it would be free. Student membership would also be free. The other has to do with membership dues. We want to add *The Executive Board will review the membership dues and structure annually. Dues will be kept as minimal as possible while still having a balanced budget.* This came about from our Executive Board meeting last week when discussing membership dues. We found that there isn't anything in the by-laws that says the Board can change things. We wanted to add this so the Board can have the authority to say we need to change the fees so we can have a balanced budget. Changes will be as minimal as possible.
- Parks & Natural Resource Committee: Ryan Veldman and Chris Finn: We have reached the minimum requirements and will submit the paperwork to the Board for next month and hope to have Board vote to have the Parks & Natural Resource Committee into an official group. We met April 5 at Midlothian. Next meeting is May 10 at Tinley Park and Sports Fields will be there.

Announcements

- Secretary Speech - Delaney Harty, Oak Lawn Park District
- Treasurer Speech - Lauren Koszola, Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department

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- 2 President Elect Speeches: Charles Somerville, Alsip Park District & Sarah Hamilton, Lockport Township Park District

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting; everyone in favor say aye: members in favor.

Opposed: none. Ayes have it, motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 11:53am