



General Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021
Worth Park District

Call to Order: 11:09 am

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

President's Report – Kevin Miller: I want to thank everyone for coming to Worth today. Thank you to Worth for hosting today's meeting. Thank you to today's sponsor EduMarking USA and to Hitchcock Design for being here for our presentation later.

President Elect - Olga Viano: Thank you to everyone for coming and let's have a good November. Everyone have a good Thanksgiving.

Past President's Report – Beth Nagel: Absent

Secretary's Report – Stacy Proper: The October meeting minutes are posted on the website.

Motion to approve the October General meeting minutes: Keith Blomberg from the New Lenox Park District, Second: Chris Finn from the Park District of LaGrange
Motion carries

Treasurer's Report – Jason Braglia: We started off the month of October with a balance of \$15,756.81. Our total deposits for the month were \$1,145.24. That included membership, meeting fees, and workshop fees. Debits totaled \$200.56. That was for CEUs through IPRA as well as our yearly website hosting. Our ending balance for the month of October is \$16,701.49.
Kevin: We will file that report for audit.

Committee Reports

- **Athletics (Keith Blomberg)-** We met on October 18 and had five in attendance. We talked about our fall programs and the successes and conflicts we had. We talked about the future Winter/Spring programs we are doing, including some new programs like Nerf Wars and senior bowling. We talked about youth leagues and the differences of using in-house or contracted referees. Our next meeting will be November 15 at 11 am. We will also be meeting at 9:30 am for the South Suburban co-op Esports tournament for the Rocket League we'll be doing this year. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.
- **Awards (Rachel Bauer & Kristine Wahlgren)-** no report
- **Day Camp/Teens (Meghan Fenlon)-** absent/no report

- **Diversity (Keith Wallace & Nikki Gotsch)**- We are meeting Friday at 10 am via Zoom. We are going to discuss our service project, which we are going to be donating to the Crisis Center of South Suburbia. A flyer will go out with the items we are looking to donate for the blessing bags.
- **Early Childhood (Karen Cooper)**- absent/no report
- **Facilities (Chris Finn & Rachel Bauer)**- We met via Zoom on October 27. We talked a lot about staffing. Our next meeting will be November 17 at the Midlothian Park District at the Recreation Center. The topic that day will be reintroductions – getting patrons back in the facilities and programs.
- **Legislative (Hollice Clark & Greg Lewis)**- We met and nothing major going on with us. Still dealing with the Covid issues.
Keith Wallace: Parks Day has been moved up to March 8th and 9th.
- **Membership/Publicity (Jason Braglia & Beth Nagel)** – We have six new members join this month. We are still promoting the workshop that is happening next week. If you are interested, we are still accepting registrations.
- **Professional Development (Olga Viano)**- Today we have Hitchcock Design doing their presentation after our meeting. Next month we will have the social. In January we will be at Hickory Hills Park District and T-Mobile will be doing a presentation about different communication strategies and different ideas they have for Park Districts.
- **School Age (Rebecca Perkaus)**- We met on October 22 and talked about before and after school staffing shortages, behavior tracking forms, and Covid questions. We also talked about youth enrichment programs and how program numbers are looking overall. School day out programs have 50% lower attendance than normal. We think parents are still working from home. We are combining our November and December meeting to December 3 via Zoom. If interested, let me know.
- **Social (Cassie Proctor & Erin Cortilet)**- Information on the December social are on the table cards. It is going to be Thursday, December 9 at the Alley Bar & Grill which is also Mokena Thunderbowl. IPRA is going to be doing their educational Roadshow before the meeting and you do need to register for that through IPRA's website. The general meeting will start at noon. We are doing an ugly sweater contest and anyone that participates will get an extra door prize ticket. We will do split the pot and we have additional door prizes. The Diversity Committee will be doing the blessing bags and that will also get you an extra ticket. There will be an appetizer buffet with unlimited soft drinks; cash bar available. Bowling will be from 1 – 3 pm for an additional fee. The price is \$15 for lunch meeting only and \$25 for lunch, meeting and bowling. Evites will come. Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, November 18 at 9:30 am.
- **Special Events (Eric Sloyan)**- We met twice; once in October and yesterday. We went over Halloween and fall events that districts were running. We also discussed our holiday Christmas events coming up and our different Santa vendors that each district uses. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 14 at 11 am via Zoom.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing (Jason Braglia)**- We did not meet in October due to scheduling conflicts, but we will be meeting Tuesday, November 16 at 10:30 am via Zoom.
- **Student (Delaney Harty)**- We did not meet in October. We are going to meet November 16 over Zoom at 2 pm. If you are interested in joining our committee, please reach out to me.

Old Business

- November Leadership Workshop
Kevin: It is next Thursday, November 18 with Bobbi Nance. The topic is Dealing with the Three D's: the Difficult, Demotivated, and the Duds. That workshop is for .2 CEUs. Member fee is \$30/Non-member \$45. It is from 11 am – 2 pm at Palos Heights Parks & Rec. If you are not registered, it is a great opportunity to get some CEUs. Try to get registered before the deadline of November 15.
- Strategic Plan Update
Tom Hartwig: Thank you to everyone that came to the last meeting, so we were able to do our roundtables. We got a lot of great information from that. The next step will be developing a survey that will go out to the membership, so if you were not able to make that meeting you will still have a chance to give some input. We are going to meet in the beginning of December to work on that survey and get it out. I finally got all of the notes in from the meeting, so we'll compile that and use that to build the survey. After the survey results are in, then we will meet and put the Strategic Plan together.

New Business- no new business

Sponsor – EduMarking USA

Jason: He will be speaking after the presentation.

Split the Pot – winners announced

Announcements-

Nikki – At the December social, the Diversity Committee is putting together blessing bags for the Crisis Center of South Suburbia. At the bottom of the flyer, are the items they requested. It is a domestic shelter. For each item you bring to the social, you will get an additional door prize ticket as an incentive for you to bring some items. We ask that the donated items are new as well as gift cards. Keith and I will be at the social collecting the items. If you are not going to be at the social, just reach out to me and I will get those items over to them.

Kevin: The IPRA Roadshow is partnering with South Suburban to conduct a virtual showing of the Learning Lab; Deliver your Greatest Performance presentation on Thursday, December 9 at 11 am before our social. This will be a virtual showing in a group setting. This is an opportunity to get free CEUs. Presentation is sponsored by IPRF. Please go onto IPRA's website to register.

Jason: All of that information will be included in the Social invite that goes out.

Keith Blomberg: The Athletic committee will be looking for a new co-chair, so if you are interested, please let me know.

Chris Finn: The Park District of LaGrange is looking for a building supervisor.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting: Keith Wallace, Second by: Nikki Gotsch

Motion carries

Adjournment- 11:30 am