

SOUTHWEST SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
12521 SOUTH KOSTNER  
ALSIP, IL 60803

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 17, 2008
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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Director Suhs. The meeting was held at the Midlothian Park District, Midlothian, Illinois

ROLL CALL

Present at roll call were:

MIDLOTHIAN PARK DISTRICT	EVELYN GLEASON
ALSIP PARK DISTRICT	JEANETTE HUBER
SUMMIT PARK DISTRICT	TOM SUHS
PALOS HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPT.	MIKE LEONARD
JUSTICE PARK DISTRICT	CALI DEBELLA
BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT	AUSTIN SANDUSKY

SWSRA STAFF PRESENT:

MARGE COZZONE	BUSINESS MANAGER
ERIN LYNCH	SUPERINTENDENT

ABSENT

POSEN PARK DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE
VILLAGE OF MERRIONETTE PARK	BRENDA DZIALLO

ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD –

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2008

Motion made by Director Leonard to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2008. Motion was seconded by Director Huber. All Directors were in favor; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Director Leonard. Director Huber made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a combined ending balance of \$103,472.42 plus the three certificates of deposit. The motion was seconded by Director Gleason. Roll was called with all directors voting yes. The motion carried, 6—0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Presented by Erin Lynch in Lori Chesna's absence)

- A. **AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS**  
Erin Lynch reported that Country Western Dancing and the Splash Bash took place in August.
- B. **EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**  
Marty Lyons who has been volunteering for SWSRA for many years as a coach was named Employee of the Month. Marty has always been a tremendous help to us.
- C. **SUMMIT/JUSTICE OPEN HOUSE**  
The open house took place at the Summit Park District on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was low, possibly due to the weather. We did get three new residents from Summit and one from Justice recently in our programs.
- D. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CANDY DRIVE**  
We are in need of volunteers for this candy drive. If you could promote it and ask your employees to donate an hour or two, we would appreciate it.
- E. **MARKETING POSITION**  
We have hired Denise Iwinski part time. Denise will be starting next week and will work Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- F. **WORTH PARK DISTRICT**  
It appears that Worth Park District will join SWSRA, so we are very hopeful that this will materialize.
- G. **CANDELLIGHT BOWL**  
Marge Cozzone distributed flyers to the board members to display for our annual Candlelight Bowl on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are asking for donations for raffle prizes and also for lane sponsorships.
- H. **PARENTS/CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP (see attached)**  
Erin Lynch reported on the support group meeting that took place on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The speaker from Sertoma was very interesting.
- I. **SWSRA EMPLOYEE/STAFF RECOGNITION HOLIDAY PARTY**  
This year we will have the party after the holidays on January 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be at Beggars Pizza in Oak Forest. Please mark your calendars to attend.
- J. **MARKETING UPDATE**  
Our two new stand alone banners are done. One is located in Alsip and one is located in Summit. The mini program brochure in Spanish went out to all of the residents in Justice and Summit. We also purchased a portable table top display for SWSRA to display at community events. Lori will be interviewed by Channel 4 in Palos Heights on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- K. **PALOS BANK ½ MARATHON**  
This year a special needs race will be added to the marathon. SWSRA has been asked to facilitate this portion of the race which we are very excited about. We will also be helping with the volunteer coordination. SWSRA received \$5,000 last year, and we are looking forward to receiving a like amount this year.

L. ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ON SALE

Marge Cozzone advised the board that the new 2009 Entertainment Book is now available for purchase, and she distributed a quantity of display posters and Entertainment Books to Director Gleason and Director Leonard. She also suggested that if any other district would like to offer the books on site, she would be happy to get a supply over to them.

M. PACE RELEASED THE TITLE!

SWSRA finally received the title to our 2002 Dodge Grand Caravan minivan.

N. Marge Cozzone is a proud new grandma and will soon be displaying all kinds of baby pictures!

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. RECREATION - No report.

B. FINANCE

1. Approval of Bills & Payroll

Motion made by Director Gleason to approve bills for the month of August, 2008 in the amount of \$17,317.57. Motion was seconded by Director Suhs. Roll was called with all Directors voting yes. The motion passed 6—0.

C. PLANNING & POLICY – No report

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS - No report

OLD BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS –

Director Gleason mentioned that there is going to be a big debate about something that is going to be on the November ballot—a proposed constitutional convention.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Director Leonard to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Huber. All Directors were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Marge Cozzone, Corresponding Secretary

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Austin Sandusky, Corporate Secretary