

**Northfield Village Caucus
4/21/2016 7pm**

Caucus Members Attending April 21, 2016: (10)

1. Jonathan Don
2. Tom Bolling
3. Patrick McCarthy
4. Cricket Trutter Hauff
5. Keith Reed
6. David Woodyatt
7. Kathy Estabrooke
8. Marsha Balsamo
9. Frank Charhut
10. Ken Bley

Guest:

Susan Seeberg
Art Silverman

Call to order 7:00 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Keith Reed

Second: Frank Charhut

Vote: Approved by voice, no dissents

2. Approval of January 2016 Minutes

Motion: Patrick McCarthy

Second: Marsha Balsamo

Vote: With correction in spelling of Cricket's last name. Approved by voice, no dissents.

3. Northfield School and Park District Caucus

Guest: Susan Seeberg, Chair

Susan described the role of the Caucus and stressed that they openly encourage anyone to participate and serve on the Park and School Board.

As with the Northfield Village Caucus they are also looking for additional people for their Caucus. They typically like to have 15 Caucus members. They will have several open positions for the Boards they slate.

4. Treasurer's Report – Frank Charhut

Brief status of Caucus finances. Frank reconciles the Caucus's checking account balance on a monthly basis and presented a bank statement totaling \$1,613.66 to Jon Don.

5. Membership Committee Report – Keith Reed

New members: approved last meeting Ericka Foster, Peter Rolwes, and David Aul.

Arthur Silverman was introduced as a prospective member.

Keith said three other people have expressed interest in joining but have not been able to attend a meeting. There are 24 people currently on Caucus and ideally we would have 3 or 4 more.

6. Nominating Committee Report – Ken Bley for Al Chircop

Four meetings of the Committee have taken place in the past year.

The committee is canvassing community leaders, service organizations, and religious institutions for any emerging issues and potential candidates for positions to be filled in the April 2017 election.

Management of the approved bond referendum for Northfield is expected to be a key issue. The handling of these funds and the associated projects over a ten year period is a significant task. A candidate with strong financial skills would be a benefit to the Village Board.

Zoning and signage have also been mentioned as important concerns.

At this point, 21 people have been suggested for consideration as potential candidates. They have been sent solicitations to determine their interest.

The committee is requesting that each Caucus member try to provide a list of three names of people who might serve as a Village Trustee, Village President, or Caucus member. A name and phone number should be forwarded to the Committee. Caucus members should NOT contact them. All suggested names will be reviewed to eliminate duplications and the Committee will handle the follow up.

A draft of the Application Questionnaire was distributed for input. The final questionnaire will be published on the website in a week for public review and response.

7. 2017 Community Survey/Fundraising

Jon said that we should continue to plan for a survey for next year.

Jon asked if there are any suggestions to move to an online survey to let him know. Kathy Estabrooke indicated that Survey Monkey might be an alternative.

We will also need to raise money for the survey.

8. Meeting Reports – Northfield Organizations

Discussion of other meetings attended by members of the Caucus:

Village Board

Frank Charhut reiterated the need for Village Trustee candidates who can help manage the financial forecasting, planning, and bid process associated with the referendum.

Library Caucus

The Library Committee of the Winnetka Caucus is putting together a survey for residents.

Marsha commented that at a recent meeting at the library she was impressed with the wide variety of services offered by the library.

9. New Business

Thomas Bolling asked if Northfield has looked at any issues with lead in drinking water. Since no one at the meeting was aware of how this is handled, it was suggested he contact the Village and report back.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Patrick McCarthy

Second: Cricket Trutter Hauff

Vote: Approved by voice, no dissents

NOTE: Next Meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Northfield Library Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick McCarthy, Northfield Caucus Secretary