

Northfield Village Caucus Meeting
July 14, 2010
Minutes

The meeting was held at the Northfield Community Center at 7:00pm.

Caucus Members present at the meeting were:

Jim Appel	Ruth Lucchesi
Peg Beeman	Finley Maxson
Rachel Burris	Tracey Mendrek
Al Chircop	David McGregor
Caroline Duppler	Patrick O'Donaghue
Kathy Estabrooke	Margy Parcels
Kathryn Fishman	Tom Pick
Bill Gould	Michael Sollitt
Jim Henderson	Cricket Trutter Hauff
Erv Hobson	Donald Whiteman
Graham Jackson	David Woodyatt
John Kemper	

Three Northfield residents attended as guests.

Jim Henderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7pm

Jim Henderson opened the meeting and announced Keith Reed will be the new Vice Chair for the caucus. Kathy Estabrooke resigned.

Approval of the Agenda: Michael Sollitt motioned, seconded by Jim Appel
All in favor

Robert Sanfilippo addressed the caucus on behalf of the Winnetka-Northfield Library

Jim Henderson reiterated we are in need of trustees for the library board

Approval of Minutes: Patrick O'Donaghue motioned, Ruth Lucchesi seconded
All in favor

Jim Henderson announced Bobbie Moore is the chair for the Platform Committee

Officer Reports:

John Kemper reported the balance of caucus account \$2061.32

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Patrick O'Donaghue stated dates for applications and interviews. Applications due by August 15, interviewing candidates will begin August 30th and end August 31st.

Patrick also introduced a resolution regarding the outstanding service put forth by Kathy Estabrooke. The Caucus recognizes her contribution and extends its' gratitude for the results of her service. Passed unanimously by those in attendance on July 14, 2010. Patrick motioned, Tracey seconded, all in favor

Platform Committee: Kathy Fishman: Motion to Affirm Caucus Platform with Grammatical Changes, Peggy Beeman seconded, all in favor (document on record in secretary's notes)

Financial Committee: Michael Sollitt asked for donations for the caucus.

Jim Appel motioned for a caucus vote yes, no, or abstain for the Home Rule question on the upcoming November referendum: Shall the Village of Northfield become a home rule unit?

Point of Order by John Kemper challenged the motion stating that it was a partisan position, while the caucus is non-partisan, therefore in violation of the By-laws.

Chair Jim Henderson ruled that the motion was in accord with the By-laws related to the stated caucus purpose of forming opinion and sending such opinion to the trustees.

A discussion ensued regarding the caucus taking a stand on any village issue.

As the ruling by the chair on a point of order can be challenged, Patrick O'Donaghue moved that the ruling by the chair be sustained, seconded by Ruth Lucchessi.

Many members wanted to know what would be done with the results of the motion. Jim Henderson said that the exact motion and vote results would be sent to the trustees and Village managers in accord with the By-laws.

Motion: Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained? 14 yes, 5 no, 5 abstained

Erv Hobson requested to table the motion of taking a vote for the Home Rule Referendum.

A Home Rule Referendum vote was taken, 11 yes, 9 no, 3 abstained. The exact motion is on file in the secretary's notes.

Motion for adjournment Michael Sollitt, seconded by Patrick O'Donaghue
All in favor 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Duppler