

NORTHFIELD VILLAGE CAUCUS MEETING

April 19, 2018

Those members attending were Marco Aiello, Marsha Balsamo, Thomas Boling, Frank Charhut, Al Chircop, Jonathan Don, Kathy Estabrooke, Ericka Foster, Dave Fullerton, Mark Gantner, Bill Gould, John Green, John Kemper, Jerry Mulick, Keith Reed, Kim Stricker, Cricket Trutter Hauff and David Woodyatt. Also in attendance were Dennis Smith (prospective member) and, for part of the meeting, Police Chief Bill Lustig and new Deputy Police Chief J. J. McCulloh.

Chair Jonathan Don called the meeting to order at the Village Library meeting room at 7:00 PM.

Upon motion made by Cricket Trutter Hauff and second by Kathy Estabrooke, the agenda for the meeting was approved. Upon motion by Bill Gould and second by Jerry Mulick, the minutes of the January 25, 2018 were approved.

Chief Lustig and Deputy Police Chief J.J. McCulloh gave an update on law enforcement on the North Shore. They reviewed the car and house break ins during the summer of 2017 and the importance of everyone locking their car and house doors/windows. Recently several unlocked cars were vandalized west of downtown Northfield and the police department is again reminding Village residents to take all security measures possible to prevent something like last summer's rash of vandalism, especially with oncoming warm weather. This enhanced security by residents needs to be publicized throughout the Chicago area so that potential intruders will be discouraged from targeting the North Shore.

Lustig and McCulloh reported on enhanced police security in the local schools, churches, banks and other places where the public gathers. All 19 Northfield police officers have received recent training in responding to mass shooting situations. They also reported on recent improvements in the Glenview Dispatch office which now handles Northfield's 911 calls, and the lack of State law enforcement personnel to patrol Edens Expressway that runs through Northfield to the Wisconsin border.

Caucus Treasurer, Mark Gantner, gave the Treasurer's Report. Our bank account has an April balance of \$1213.86, which is \$62 less than at our last meeting due to payment of our post office box. Although we will have some more expense for our website, it should be less than the \$200 annual expense we have incurred in past years.

Bill Gould, Chair of the Caucus Survey Committee, reported that the committee is still in the process of soliciting community opinion for the purpose of reviewing and possibly revising the Caucus Platform. Bill welcomed new members to join his committee to help complete this very important survey project.

Marsha Balsamo, Chair of our Membership Committee, reported on new prospect Dennis Smith and suggested that he be voted on at the end of this meeting. She also distributed magnetic stick-ons stating "Northfield is Home" for residents to use to advertise Northfield as a great place to reside.

Al Chircop, Chair of Nominations Committee, reported that the referendum to change the Village Board's primary election procedure passed by about 70%, which should simplify the job of our candidates for Village Board positions to get signed petitions from the community. He thanked Village Board member Tom Terrill for making suggested changes and advocating this very important change.

Al said that later this year the Caucus needs to select three candidates for open positions on the Village Board. Allan Kaplan cannot run again at this time, but that John Gregorio and Tom Roszak could serve additional terms if elected. Applications for these positions will be accepted after July 1, 2018 and the Caucus will be meeting 3 consecutive evenings in September (probably 11, 12, and 13) to interview and select the 3 candidates. The current platform will be used in connection with the slating process. A Caucus member must be present all three evening meetings in order to vote on the candidates. The Caucus' bi-annual meeting is set for October 12, 2018 to officially present our candidates. Al said that we need a couple of new members to the Nominations Committee-- Mario Aiello and Dave Fullerton quickly volunteered. Everyone will be encouraged to make recommendations of residents to apply and interview for these Board positions.

Jonathan Don reported on information he has received from attending recent Village Board meetings. Wintrust Bank will be taking over the property now occupied by Youngren Cleaners and will be building a very attractive office building along Willow and Northfield Roads. The Village appears to be in good financial condition and has in place its usual 6 months of reserves for operations. The Village's 20 year Comprehensive Plan is in its 18th year and the Village retained a consultant to work on a project to be completed over the next two years to update the Plan and to review changes that could be made in identified sub-areas to enhance mobility, access and parking within the Village. The public will play an important part in this project.

Suggestions for future Caucus meetings were: Tour of the new Glenview dispatch office; tour of the Village's Public Works Department; and having a presentation on the Village's storm water problems.

At this time Dennis Smith stepped out of the meeting and was unanimously voted in as a new Caucus member.

The motion made by Marsha and second by Jerry Mulick to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved. The next Caucus meeting is July 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with location to be announced later.

Prepared by Caucus Secretary Keith A. Reed