

**Northfield Village Caucus  
7/23/2015 7pm**

**Caucus Members Attending July 2015: (15)**

1. Jonathan Don
2. Patrick McCarthy
3. Al Chircop
4. Bill Gould
5. Bettina Karlove
6. John Kemper
7. David Woodyatt
8. Cricket Trutter Hauff
9. Frank Charhut
10. Keith Reed
11. Tom Pick
12. David Detlefsen
13. Ken Bley
14. Jennifer Bishop-Jenkins
15. Tom Bolling

**Guest:** David Aul

Call to order 7:02 pm

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Bill Gould

Second: Al Chircop

Vote: Approved by voice, no dissents

**2. Approval of April 2015 Minutes**

Motion: Al Chircop

Second: Bill Gould

Vote: Approved by voice, no dissents

**3. Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce**

**Guest: Terry Dason, Executive Director**

Speaker was not able to attend.

**4. Membership Committee Report – Keith Reed**

Passed out a current membership list.

New list reflects the active members for the Caucus.

Bill Gould reviewed the bios for two prospective new members: Leonard Rubin and Ericka Foster.

Keith Reed indicated they would attend the next meeting and we would vote on their membership.

Keith asked anyone who knows of potential members to contact him.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report – Frank Charhut**

Brief status of finances.

No problems to report.

#### **6. Nominating Committee Report – Al Chircop**

Next election April 2017 – so 2016 will be important to the Caucus. Importantly we will have 3 Trustee positions and the President position to fill. Only one Trustee can stand for election again. The other 2 Trustees and the President have completed 2 terms and are not eligible.

Nominations will need to be completed by November 2016.

Al reviewed the important phases leading to Caucus nomination interviews:

Phase 1: Current

- All Caucus members should identify prospective candidates
- Names should be forwarded to the Nominating Committee
- Caucus members should join the Nominating Committee

Phase 2: June 2016 Start

- Nominating Committee should establish an application based on the current Caucus platform
- Establish interview process and timelines
- Build tangible list of candidate

Phase 3: August 2016 Start

- Conduct interviews

Discussion of date for Candidate interviews. Next meeting we will discuss option to move interview dates to September 7-9 and Press Release for September 15. This would accommodate school schedules that have limited participation in the past.

There is immediate need for one or two new members on the Nominating Committee. Al would like to begin training a future new Chair for this committee.

#### **7. Meeting Reports – Northfield Organizations**

Discussion of other meetings attended by members of the Caucus:

##### **Northfield Next**

Willow Road celebration is now set for October – a reaction to the completion date not occurring in June and likely not in July.

##### **Village Board**

Frank Charhut reported on recent Village Board meetings and noted that recent nominees from the Caucus were very active. Frank suggested that we attempt to have a Caucus member at each Village Board meeting. Jon handed out a sheet with dates for people to sign up for meetings they know they can attend.

### **Library Board**

Genealogy Room closure remains a topic of interest.

### **School Board**

Patrick McCarthy Community Engagement Meetings held for Sunset Ridge School construction plans. Members are encouraged to review details available online or in local papers.

### **8. Current Platform**

Jon discussed the process for developing a platform.

Jon would like to organize a group to review the platform for potential recommendations for changes.

### **9. Current Bylaws**

Jon has reviewed the existing bylaws. If anyone has any issues to discuss they should bring those issues to the attention of the Caucus as a whole.

### **10. New Business**

#### **Northfield Road Corridor**

Consultant hired by the Village reported initial findings. Discussions are in preliminary stages without a specific focus at this point.

#### **Village Board Proposed Budget**

Frank Charhut gave an overview of the finances. Noted that Northfield actually had a surplus from last year.

There will be an estimated 11% increase in spending for next fiscal year. This represents a replenishment of funds for planned projects.

#### **Kraft**

This was discussed at the recent Village Board. Northfield is currently getting \$275,000 for the property value of the campus. Just because Kraft is leaving does not mean this revenue will be going away.

But the telephone, water, and gas bill taxes paid to the Village has not been totaled recently and the Village is working to determine what the potential revenue loss would be.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion: Patrick

Second: Bill

Vote: Approved by voice, no dissents

NOTE: Next Meeting is Thursday, October 1 at 7:00pm at the Clarkson Park Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McCarthy, Northfield Caucus Secretary