**MINUTES FROM NORTHFIELD VILLAGE CAUCUS MEETING (2/22/23)**

The in-person meeting was called to order at the Community Center at 7:03 PM by Chair David Woodyatt and the following current Caucus members were present Beverly Smith, Jerry Mulick, Keith Reed, John Goodwin, David Woodyatt, Name, Kathy Estabrooke, Al Chircop, Michael Cohen, Ericka Foster and Mark Gantner. Guests: Charlie Orth, Adam LeFebre, Tracey Mendrek

**CAUCUS BUSINESS**

Approval October 2022 Minutes: Moved by Al Chircop and Kathy Estabrooke seconded. All in Favor. None opposed.

**Treasurer’s Report (Mark Gantner):** Previous balance of $937.86 and no revenues and postal expenses of $74.00 leaving a balance of $863.86. All in favor. None opposed.

**Membership Report (Bev Smith):** Adam LeFebre was present at the meeting. Adam lives in Southeast Corner of Northfield. Grew up in Winnetka and lived in Wilmette, in Northfield 13 years with wife and two kids. Operates printing company that is largest post office in the area in Niles. The Caucus needs to remove Jeannie Scully and Shelly Cohen from the Caucus. Bev Smith moved and Ericka Foster seconded. All in Favor. None opposed.

**Nominating Committee (Al Chircop):** The Nominating Committee helped with petitions of the Candidates and helped them with the process to get on the ballot. It is not a contested election. The March issue of Northfield Living will feature the candidates.

**Oversight Committee (Michael Cohen):** The January Village Board Meeting was held in the new meeting room. There was a discussion of ADU and allowing kitchens in the ADUs. February Board Meeting was yesterday. Chad from Stormy’s asked to allow video gambling in Stormy’s. The Board discussed and the trustees are evaluating the other jurisdictions gambling. Also the Board discussed having a survey question on the issue. A second topic was brought by trustee Dinges regarding purchasing from Uline. A spirited conversation about First Amendment and making decisions about purchasing. The Caucus discussed Recorder Article regarding Village President. The Caucus discussed attending Board meetings and having them televised.

**Survey Update:** Michael Cohen shared that he used the Google survey program which is free. Several Caucus members took the survey. The time estimate is about ten minutes or so. We can give people the URL to take the survey. Discussed that we will have a QR Code. Believe we have a commitment from Northfield Living. Northfield Library will publish in their newsletter. We will put it on our Facebook page. We will put it in our website. Discussed mailing. It is done via a postal address service. Adam estimates it is about .20 cents for that service/postage and .12/.13 cents for the postcard. Discussed staggering the survey and doing the free options first. Considering an end of April survey deadline. This flyer can be produced/mailed/delivered within five days. All in favor of the free options. None opposed. We will get the survey going in March. Deadline end of April.

**Elections of New Officers (David Woodyatt):** David has been the Chairman for four years. During an interesting time and a contested election. Then we had the pandemic and virtual interviewing. Then we had a change in Village president and now a survey. The bylaws say David cannot serve any longer. End of David’s term is the election on April 4, 2023. David will work with the new chairperson. The next regular caucus meeting in later April will be under the new chairperson. Bev Smith has agreed to take on the new chairperson. Keith moved to have Bev Smith as the chairperson and Ericka Foster seconded. All in Favor. Mark Gantner has been the Treasurer for several terms. Ericka Foster has agreed to move to Treasurer. Bev Smith moved and Al seconded. All in favor. Ericka Foster has been the Secretary and is moving to Treasurer. Keith Reed has agreed to be Secretary. All in favor. None Opposed. Mark Gantner has agreed to move Vice Chairman for the next two years. Ericka Foster moved and Al Chircop seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. Kathy Estabrooke moved and Ericka Foster seconded. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Caucus Secretary, Ericka K. Foster