

MINUTES OF NORTHFIELD VILLAGE CAUCUS MEETING (10/28/2024)

- The meeting was called to order by Caucus Chair Beverly Smith at 7 pm. Sign in sheets indicated that there were 20 Northfield residents present who were not Caucus members and 10 additional residents present who were also Caucus members.
- Beverly introduced the current Caucus Committee chairs as follows: Nominating Committee chair Ericka Foster; Oversight Committee chair Michael Cohen; Membership chair Patti Morrell; Communication Committee chair Amanda Knight ; and Platform Committee chair David Woodyatt. Beverly also introduced trustees Matt Galin and Tracey Mendrek who were recently duly chosen by the Caucus membership to serve as candidates to run for Village Trustee and President positions respectfully.
- Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those present and upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved by a majority of those residents present.
- Nominating Committee chair Ericka Foster gave a report on the Committee's recent activities and its decisions to have Village residents Ed Elfmann and Andrew Juedes join Matt Galin in running for Village Trustee positions.
- Presentations were then given by all four selected candidates as to why they decided to run for these Village positions, their past experiences in the village government area and their approach to being a village official for a village like Northfield.
- Nominating Committee chair Ericka Foster then moved for the Caucus to vote on the nomination of Tracey Mendrek to be the Caucus Presidential Candidate to the April 2025 Ballot and also the nomination of Ed Elfmann, Andrew Juedes and Matt Galin to be the Caucus Trustee Candidates to the April 2025 Ballot. Both motions were duly passed by a majority of those Caucus members and Village residents present.
- The chair of the Caucus Platform Committee, David Woodyatt, then explained the changes that the Caucus made in its recent review of the Village Caucus Platform which were as follows: on page 3 of the Platform there was added a "Sustainability and Green Initiatives" paragraph which encourages the Village to commit to "protecting Northfield's ecosystem and natural resources" and to "work with neighboring jurisdictions on environmental sustainability and green initiatives"; on page 4 of the Platform part D was added to show how our residents ranked in 5 colors the importance of certain issues that were listed in the most recent Caucus survey of Northfield residents; and page 5 of the Platform part E entitled "Standards of Professionalism" was changed to read as follows; "The Village Present and Village Trustees should be committed to the necessary civility and professional conduct. They should elicit the variety of viewpoints in all their interactions with residents, Village board members and staff which are needed to make the best decisions for the future of the Village." Upon motion made and seconded, the changes listed in this paragraph 7 were duly approved by

a majority vote of those Village Caucus members present.

- Caucus Vice President Mark Gantner gave a brief report as out going chair of the Caucus Membership Committee. He reported that Patti Morrell had agreed to be our new Membership Chair; that the Caucus has done a better job in bringing in new Caucus members and involving more of the Village precincts in its membership.
- After a lively discussion on the attendance and success of the meeting, a motion made by Amanda Knight and second by Laura Felicione to adjourn the meeting was duly passed by the Caucus members present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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