

Minutes
Clarendon Hills Community Caucus Meeting
Community Presbyterian Church
October 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm.

Present were Caucus Chair Ken Shipman, Vice Chair Suzanne Austin, Treasurer Joe Tobolski and Secretary Megan Balderston. Caucus members at large included Jon Arendt, Mary McGarrah, Don McGarrah, Bob Bergin, Matt DeDobbelaere, Don Brown, John Steeves, Mary Williams, Terry Pocius, Jan Morel, John Purdy, Katey Arnold, Vivian Hessel, John Czerwiec, Jackie Anglin, Len Austin, Greg Johnson, and Ed Reid.

Ken Shipman welcomed the Caucus to the meeting and outlined the agenda of the meeting. He introduced the caucus officers to the Caucus.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Tobolski presented a treasurer's report, showing that the Caucus currently has a balance of \$86.52. We received \$10 at the meeting, so the adjusted total will be \$96.52. Donations were respectfully solicited from those assembled.

D181 Report

Representatives from Clarendon Hills were sought for the D181 School Board nominating committees in the spring. Five names were put forward from Clarendon Hills and two were selected: Margie Jeffords and Brian Birnbaum.

Bylaws Presentation

Ken Shipman then presented the suggested bylaw amendments, which have been publicized on the web site and on Facebook since 9/1/16. The bylaws had not been revised since 1998, and although there were minor typographical errors and wording clarifications that were fixed, the main purpose of the bylaws revision was to clarify the nomination process. In the past, the Caucus selection committees were decided by popular vote in the event that more members were interested in participating, than slots existed. After research with other area caucuses and much discussion, the bylaws now call for a completely randomized process. In addition, a caveat was placed in the bylaws that members may not serve on the same committee in consecutive biennial years.

Several questions were raised from the floor. Several caucus members felt that the bylaws were not distributed widely enough, as they were posted specifically on the web site. In addition, because of the Committee's efforts to go paperless, there were not copies provided. These issues were discussed and resolved, with a few minutes taken to review the bylaws on electronic devices at the meeting. At that point, discussion about the specific changes and wording ensued. The following amendments (italicized in red) were proposed:

Article III, Section 3.1

No one shall be elected or appointed to any nominating committee if *they or* their spouse or a member of their immediate family is an elected or appointed official or full-time employee of the Village, the

Park District, Public Library, School District 181 or any other office as may be created by law for the Village.

Each registered voter present, *or who submits their intent to participate in advance of the meeting*, shall be eligible to participate in a nominating committee.

Section 3.1.1 F - *The Chair* of the Community Caucus shall be ineligible for any office over which the Caucus has nominating authority.

Section 3.1.2 – *single* container...

Ken Shipman called for a vote on the proposed bylaws. Ed Reid made a motion to approve the bylaws as amended by the Caucus. John Purdy seconded the motion. The revised bylaws passed unanimously.

A suggestion was made to work more closely with the Hinsdale Caucus to try to align the D181 Board candidate committee process with the Clarendon Hills schedule. Both caucuses have a strong working relationship, and this will be brought up with the Hinsdale Caucus.

There were 10 community members eligible for committee placement at the meeting, with three community members requesting placement in advance. These committees were selected by random draw.

Library:

Jeff Chadwell
John Steeves
Don Brown

Village:

Mary Williams
Jeff Zidell
John Czerwiec
Terry Pocius

Park:

Jackie Anglin*
John Purdy
Bob Bergin

Alternate:

Kathleen Schnieders

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30 pm at Community Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Balderston
Secretary