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WINFIELD TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
Date Oct 20th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER 7:06

ATTENDANCE Lynn Casey-Mayer, Sheila Rutledge, David Meier, Vincent Hardt, Greg Schwarze, Susan Kasprovicz, Erik Spande, Cindy Krejci, Mitchell Adamus, Terrell Barnes, Axam Nizamuddin, Cyd Paulsen, Leah Goodman, Barry Dredze, Crystal Noland-Riani, Kathy Saamaan, E Kadera.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Sheila Rutledge) Minutes are on the web.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cynthia Krejci)

Opening Balance: \$2511,67
Donations: \$ 0
Expenses: \$ 499.38
Closing Balance: \$2012.29

Motion to accept by Susan 2nd by Dave

Listening tour update, \$200 will be added back to the account for a deposit refund.

Welcomed Crystal from the West Chicago event, Mitch Adamus from Warrenville have joined our meeting. TY to Erik Spande for attending in Winfield. Dave suggested we meet in Warrenville at the gazebo by city hall.

CHAIR'S REPORT (Lynn Casey-Maher)

Our 3 stop Listening Tour went very well. We met new people, had great conversations, and engaged with our local officials. We are very grateful for those that offered to volunteer and be appointed as precinct committeepersons! Thank you to everyone that helped make this a success!

Vince Hardt, Green New Deal for schools. Bills in congress for housing and public schools. HB 4442 is the bill number. You can go to Jamaal Bowman Dec. NY 15 district is the sponsor. \$1.4 trillion over 10 years for schools and grants for physical repair for school buildings. Let's do LEEDS upgrades! \$250 Billion for high need, high risk schools under ND side of bill. \$695 billion to enhance title 1 schools and IDEA (individuals with disabilities act) Ill sponsors are Chuy Garcia, Jan Schkowsky and Danny Davis. Vince is urging we look at bill and then advocate to our legislators either through calls or through their sites. Reach out! Cyd asked about Biden's wish for 2 years of preschool but short of teachers. In Illinois there was a mandate that teachers under covid got to quarantine if they have an outbreak in the classroom but that is done now and they are forced to use sick or vaca days.

Azam Nizamiddin, Understand the Rise of White Nationalism and Populism.

Since election of DJT there has been a rise. Steve Bannon has been pushing as well. Azam studied this several years ago and how this impacts communities.

He talked about different terms such as populism, stands for pure, moral majority and they distrust and are opposed to the "corporate elite". Distinct from Elite who are untrustworthy. Common man vs elite.

There are also 2 types of populists. Left Wing and Right Wing. Bernie Sanders vs DJT and DJT and populism he marginalized the Washington bureaucrats. Protect the homeland from invaders from Mexico and Muslims. Hollywood vs Nascar, dem vs right.

Nationalism, how a nation defines itself. Culture, shared characteristics, Language, Race, Religion, Common Ancestry, political aspirations. No religion in the public sphere. There are ethnic/religious nationalism and civic nationalism. US has a form of the civic type.

What is Nativism? We don't want people coming here anymore.

Elected Officials Redistricting committee, map is going to the full county next week for final approval with a few slight changes still to come. We will get an update on voting machines next week. Greg voted to give \$10mil to HHS. Greg reminded us to ask for all to join us at Danada for a fundraiser on Nov. 6th at 5:30 TO 7:00.

Old Business, none

New Business, Cynthia Borbas has stepped down and Lynn and Ken Mejia-Beale are running to replace her. Welcome to new members!

Adjournment Sheila motioned and 2nd by Dave/Susan at 8:22