

WTDO
WINFIELD TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
Date September 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER 7:03

ATTENDANCE Lynn Casey-Maher, Sheila Rutledge, Doug Henk, Cindy Krejci, Susan Kasprovicz, Mary Goodman, Shawn, Cyd Paulsen, Leah Goodman, Angela Bergeson, Barry Dredze, Lisa Boatright, Vincent Hardt, Jeff Jacobsen, Kathy Franke, E Kadera

SECRETARY'S REPORT Doug moved to accept minutes, Barry 2nd. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Thank you to Cindy! For organizing our most successful fundraiser EVER! Month revenue was 1867.07 exp 1061.39. Ending balance 2443.20. Treasurer's report will detail expenses. Sheila motioned to accept report Susan K 2nd. Approved.

Commented [RS1]: Doug, can you clarify this better? Sorry I didn't get it in real time.

CHAIR'S REPORT Lynn gave recap about zoom meeting with Jean Kazmarek regarding VBM. 3600 DEM judges compared to 1700 GOP. 117000 vbm applications. Rejections will be given an opportunity to correct ballot. Deadline to apply for VBM ballot is Oct. 29th. Ballots have to be postmarked by election day. Prepaid postage. Drop boxes in early voting locations. Volume will not be a problem for usps. Ballot tracking is something you have to sign up for. Sept 24th is first day. DuPage County Fairgrounds only early voting location with paper ballots. 268 polling places around county on election day. Pay increased for judges. Touch screen only at all other locations besides fairgrounds.

Fair tax-vote will be on a separate piece of paper. (we have seen it is not) Looking to provide counter arguments. "vote yes for a fair tax" Nonpartisan ballot committee www.voteyesforfairtax.org has tons of info about fair tax on their site. Flat tax is inadequate and unfair. Feds tax based on income vs flat tax. 14.4% total taxes paid by lowest taxpayers. Biggest state responsibility is to fund our education. We are only funding at 25% Usually 60% state 40% taxpayers. Illinois is closer to 70/30 for school funding, mental health, domestic violence, childcare have all been cut in our state. One of only 4 states that mandates this in our state constitution. 97% will get a tax cut. 33 states have graduated taxes, 8 have flat and 4 have constitutional flat taxes. Also expands property tax credit from 5% to 6%. Will bring in \$3 billion a year additional revenue. Ways to help, talk to friends and neighbors and write LTE. Connect with people on their values, fairness etc. Arguments against are rampant. Repetition of false info. "Tax increase on middle class", false. "Blank check for future increases". Without FT taxes would have to be raised on all Illinoisans by 20% to address our structural deficit. Taxes will probably go up 1% without FT. FT is NOT a tax on retirement income. FT will NOT hurt small business and farmers. Those who earn over \$250 will see increase. "The rich will leave the state". Middle and lower income earners have been leaving due to education funding. Pensions are an entirely different subjects. Fixing pensions is irrelevant to FT. Why do we want to do this during a pandemic? Sample argument pinned to WTDO FB page. Article 13 sect 5 of state constitution protects the pensions. If it doesn't pass they will look for revenue everywhere!
Lynn shared our mailer that is being printed for distribution. Trifold for "make a plan to vote". Inside has candidate listing. Lynn made deal with Naperville to switch a couple precincts to promote County Board candidates.

Commented [RS2]: Is there a link for this reference?

Municipal elections-Winfield has a lot of plans for Town Center area. 2 trustees have stepped down who had supported Erik Spande. We need to fill those positions! Tons of positions to fill! Casten campaign is not doing any canvassing. Doing relationship building to build data.

Speakers

Jeff Jacobsen, busy handing out lit. Working with Underwood's campaign. Setting up phone banking on Sat. Please try. 1 of 10 actually answer phone. If you have a mail in ballot you MUST take to poll if you decide to vote in person. May not know until Nov 17th the winners. Has lot's of signs but will keep away from competing with GOP candidates on sign placement. Congressional elect info shows GOP will go all the way down the ballot so urging to "FINISH THE BALLOT".

Lisa Boatright had several questions about projects in Winfield and the Fire referendum on the ballot.

Lynn motioned to call meeting to end. Barry 2nd. Meeting ended at 8:16