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WINFIELD TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
Date August 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE Lynn Casey-Maher, Byron Miller, Dave Meier, Shawn Hacker, Barry Dredze, Judy Vierke, Cindy Krejci, Michael Bailey (for Mary Kay O'Brien), Maura Hirschauer, Susan Kasprovicz, Cyd Paulsen, Don Potoczny, Katy Samaan, Judi Lukas, Lynn and Joe Kadolph, Laurie Nowak. On zoom, Leah Goodman, Bob Brown, Crystal Noland -Riani, Dan Hebreard,

SECRETARY'S REPORT Susan made a motion to accept and Shawn Hacker seconded. Motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning bal	\$ 5582.50
No expenses	\$
Dep	\$ 283.45
Ending balance	\$ 5498.31

Motion to accept from Judi and 2nd by Cyd . Accepted

CHAIR'S REPORT Lynn talked about how successful the Dive in Movie event was and suggested we should make it an annual event. She talked about the chair election and thanked Claire and Christopher for stepping up. She lamented that 2/3 of people left after casting a vote without hearing the candidate speeches. She asked for comment. She congratulated both Ken and Kim. We will be walking in the Good Ole Days parade in Winfield. The Mexican Independence parade has been cancelled. They will still hold a festival on the 10th and 11th. After the parade Cyd will host a volunteer appreciation picnic. We are planning a meet and greet in Warrenville on Sept. 17th. Still looking to pin down time. The 708 health board made it on to the ballot. We turned in 125% of the needed signatures. Lynn has people interested in canvassing ALL doors. Judi talked about R's suggesting that each house would be \$200 each but that is wildly over estimated.

Lynn also talked about canvassing for the general election and asked each PC to walk 2. Lynn asked for people to start thinking about municipal elections next spring. We need to already start looking for candidates! Awake Illinois is advocating pulling kids out of social and emotional support programs. Talk about these roles socially at every opportunity.

Maura spoke about Moms Demand action. She was a founding member in Kane and Will County. She advocated for better, less traumatic lock down drills. HB 5522 is assault weapon high capacity magazine ban. Describes what an assault weapon is. If you have one you may keep it but it must be registered. They are not only dangerous for citizens but to law enforcement too. She is still expecting a special session to talk about the overturn of Roe and guns. Veto session will come after Nov 15th. She will need 71 votes to get passed immediately without going to a lame duck session. That would require 60. She spoke about Highland Park. Gun violence is an epidemic! Mass shootings in Chicago over the weekend and now during the week. She is in the firearm safety and reform working group. Finally

confirmed an ATF director at the federal level! Judi asked about those who do not register their weapons, would they lose them. Yes, and they would also lose their FOID card. Maura would like to see a state buy back program. They are also looking at requiring gun owners to purchase insurance. Also looking at holding manufacturing companies accountable too. Her group is meeting with the Biden admin and states with strong gun laws. She always promotes safe storage as well.

Dave made a motion to run the meeting as usual and any personal comments about policy be discussed after the meeting. 2nd by Susan Kasproicz.

Michael Bailey spoke on behalf of Mary Kay O'Brien. It is important to elect her as her opponent will support Illinois Right to Life and earn their endorsement.

Don spoke about his treasurers campaign. He moved to Naperville because it was rated the "safest city in America". He talked about the almost 40-year-old system that tracks our property taxes. 3 years ago they entered a contract for Tyler but it is delayed and over budget.

Laurie Nowak, running for the state senate 24. Building the plane while flying to get her campaign going as she was slated. She is a past county board member. She lived in Spain for several years. She is currently getting a master's in public policy. The R's seem to be slash and burn and it will fix everything. She would like to see investment to help.

Colin from the Bill Foster campaign came to support dems and our township!

Dan Hebreard spoke on zoom. Solar projects at Oak Meadows. Passed an RBO with new dems on the board. Passed a bond issue to build a new Willowbrook Wildlife Center. 1st Net Zero animal hospital in the nation! He talked about the new center.

Sheila spoke to thank all for the generous contribution to her campaign. Her proposal for the solar panels on the county 421A building.

Shawn commented that the Winfield Fire Referendum FINALLY passed!

Affects people who has paid more than their share of pension contributions that Public servants who paid in their 40 quarters will get that plus SS if this law passes.

Meeting adjourned 8:35