

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



April 29, 2025
Gorton Center, 1861 Room

Call to Order: Regina Etherton, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was in attendance. Mrs. Etherton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mrs. Etherton first raised the matter of review and approval by the Committee of the minutes of the Committee's April 22, 2025 meeting. Mrs. Etherton asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Charlie Notarus and seconded by Lukas Szot, the minutes were approved by acclamation as presented without dissent.

President's Remarks: Mrs. Etherton then briefly reviewed with the Committee members the rules and practices that the Gorton Center administration expected its facility users, including the Caucus Committee, to follow in the course of using the Gorton Center facilities. Mrs. Etherton then reported that the City's Parks and Recreation Board and Legal Committee are being discontinued, which she noted will make a number of citizen volunteers serving on those bodies available to the Caucus for consideration and recommendation of appointment to other City volunteer positions, and that there is now a vacancy on the City's Zoning Board of Appeals, which the Committee will address in due course. Mrs. Etherton then gave a brief review of the Caucus's financial position and noted the need for the Committee to engage in additional fund-raising activity to provide funds needed for regular operations for the current year and the ongoing Caucus Bylaws amendment project. Committee members provided and discussed a number of suggestions and questions about the proposed fund-raising, including about the expected retention of counsel in connection with the amendment project.

Continuation of Review of Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations: As the next order of business, Mrs. Etherton then continued with the review and discussion started at the preceding Committee meeting of a number of the amendments to the Caucus Bylaws that were proposed by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Caucus Committee. Mrs. Etherton reminded the Committee members that the proposed amendments to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting were thought by the Executive Committee to be acceptable in basic concept and that other proposed amendments would be reviewed and discussed at the next Committee meeting. The review and discussion at this meeting covered the proposed amendments and the Executive Committee's view of them and included many questions, comments and suggestions by Committee members. Mrs. Etherton also reminded the Committee Members that while the proposed amendments discussed were viewed by the Executive Committee as acceptable in basic concept, there would most likely be wording changes needed in a number of respects, particularly after review by counsel of the proposed amendments. Mrs. Etherton also noted the remaining Bylaw amendment items that would be addressed at the Committee's next meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mrs. Etherton called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Scott Nehls, seconded by Matthew Liddy and approved by acclamation by the Committee without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary