

# Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



October 24, 2023

*Gorton Center, Stuart Room*

**Caucus Committee meeting called to order:** Chris Benes, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was in attendance.

**Opening remarks:** Mr. Benes opened with a review of Committee activity expected over the next two weeks, including a Committee meeting on November 2 and, in preparation for the Caucus Annual Meeting on November 7, continuation of Committee members engaging with Caucus members to support the Caucus Protection Act and Caucus fundraising. He also noted that additional volunteers from the Committee are needed to help at the annual meeting. At Mr. Benes' request, Dale Tauke, Secretary, spoke about the need for additional volunteers. At Mr. Benes' request, Cindy Davidson, Fundraising officer, spoke about the need for Committee volunteers to make phone calls for donations to the Caucus.

**Approval of minutes:** As the first order of business, Mr. Benes raised the matter of approval of the Caucus Committee meeting minutes of October 17, 2023. Mr. Benes asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Jay Soave and seconded by Marian Percy, the October 17, 2023 minutes were approved by acclamation as presented.

**Review of candidates for Ward 1 City Council Alderperson:** As the next order of business Mr. Benes noted that the Committee would interview Ms. Sarah Lamphere and Mr. Peter Clemens for endorsement by the Committee for the position of City Council Alderperson for Ward 1 to fill the balance of the term of Joseph Waldeck, a current Alderperson for Ward 1, who will not serve a second year. Ms. Lamphere was invited into the meeting room, and after she gave a brief introduction of herself and her background, Committee members addressed a number of questions to her about her experience, talents and knowledge of City affairs, to which she responded. Ms. Lamphere then left the room, and Mr. Clemens was invited in. He presented himself with a brief introduction and responded to similar questions from the Committee members. Mr. Clemens then left the meeting room, and the Committee members discussed their observations about the two candidates. After further discussion, on motion by Kent Novit and seconded by Larry Obermeyer, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Clemens as the Caucus' endorsed candidate for Ward 1 Alderperson in the next City general election.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Benes called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Jason Akemann, seconded by Peggy Siebert and approved by acclamation by the Committee. The meeting concluded at 9:24 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary