

# Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



February 13, 2024  
*Gorton Center, Stuart Room*

**Caucus Committee meeting called to order:** In the absence of Chris Benes, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, Joe Oriti, Vice-President of the Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was in attendance. Mr. Oriti welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of minutes:** As the first order of business, Mr. Oriti raised the matter of approval of the Committee meeting minutes of January 23, 2024. Mr. Oriti asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Jason Akemann and seconded by Larry Obermeyer, the January 23, 2024 minutes were approved by acclamation as presented.

**March 9 candidate meeting:** Mr. Oriti then reminded the Committee of the March 9, 2024 meeting that will be an informal session at which Lake Forest citizens will be able to meet, and discuss matters of interest with, the 2024 candidates for election to the Caucus Committee as Ward Representatives.

**Review of candidate for open Ward Representative position:** Mr. Oriti then said that the second order of business was review by the Committee of a candidate for a Ward Representative position in Ward 3 that was open due to resignation by the prior holder. The candidate, Triet Nguyen, was invited into the meeting room. He presented his background, qualifications, interest in serving as Ward Representative and other matters, responded to questions from the Committee and then left the meeting room. The Committee members then discussed Mr. Nguyen's candidacy. At the conclusion of the discussion, on motion by Mr. Akemann and seconded by Desiree Witte, the appointment of Mr. Nguyen as a Ward 3 representative was approved by the Committee. Mr. Nguyen then joined the meeting.

**Fundraising Discussion:** As the next order of business Mr. Oriti opened a discussion on the topic of fundraising by the Caucus. Cindy Davidson, Fundraising Officer, addressed matters considered by the Fundraising Subcommittee, including the decision not to hold a large-scale fundraising event this year. Jennifer McGregor reported on a smaller fundraising event to be held at the home of Janet White's family. Several other possible fundraising activities were then discussed by the Committee.

**Report on School Board Candidate Subcommittee:** Mr. Oriti then began a report on activities by the Committee's Subcommittee on School Board Candidates for the 2025 Districts 67 and 115 school board elections. He and Mr. Akemann, the Co-Chairs of that Subcommittee, reported on the Subcommittee's meetings and background work to date and plans and timing expected to be followed into the next Caucus year.

**Concluding Remarks:** Mr. Oriti next reminded the Committee of the meetings scheduled for the Caucus and the Caucus Committee for the remainder of the current year.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Oriti called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Ms. White, seconded by Marian Percy and approved by acclamation by the Committee. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary