

# Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



October 8, 2024  
*Gorton Center, Stuart Room*

**Caucus Committee meeting called to order:** Joe Oriti, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was in attendance. Mr. Oriti welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of minutes:** Mr. Oriti first raised the matter of approval of the minutes of the Committee meeting of October 1, 2024. Mr. Oriti asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Bert Carstens and seconded by Larry Obermeyer, the minutes were approved by acclamation as presented without dissent.

**Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee update:** As the next order of business, Mr. Oriti reported on the process by which candidates to comprise the membership of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee were considered and determined. The candidates proposed to serve on the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee are Bob Kiely, Stewart Dixon, Geoff Hanson, Susan Sailor Daly, Debbie Saran, Derek Johnson and Katie Anderson. Mr. Oriti noted that he, Vice President Regina Etherton and Secretary Dale Tauke participated with Melanie Rummel and Kent Novit in the selection of these suggested members. Mr. Oriti responded to questions from Committee members and then requested a motion to approve the suggested candidates for the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. On motion by Jason Akemann, seconded by Ann Lyon, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the candidates selected to serve on the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee.

**Interview of Ward 3 Alderman candidates:** Mr. Oriti then raised the matter of the Committee's interviewing Jeff Giannelli and Nick Bothfeld for Caucus endorsement for Ward 3 alderman. Cindy Davidson, Chair of the Ward 3 alderman search subcommittee, said a few words as to the subcommittee's selection process and the selection of Messrs. Giannelli and Bothfeld to present to the Committee. Each of Messrs. Giannelli and Bothfeld was then invited into the meeting room one at a time to be interviewed by the Committee. Each in turn presented his background, financial and other skills that would be useful as an alderman and interest in serving as an alderman. Each also addressed questions asked by Committee members, made brief closing remarks and then at the end of his interview and after being thanked by Mr. Oriti for his interest in serving, left the meeting room. The Committee then discussed the candidates. At the conclusion of the discussion, on motion by Bert Carstens, seconded by Jason Akemann, the Committee members voted to select Mr. Bothfeld for endorsement.

**Other remarks:** Mr. Oriti next called on Vice President Regina Etherton to address the Committee on the importance of urging all Caucus members to vote in the upcoming Caucus Annual Meeting and on recommended steps to be taken by Committee members for this purpose.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Oriti called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Emily Delfino, seconded by Annie Liddle and approved by acclamation by the Committee without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary