



Winnetka Caucus Council Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: 2025-01-09 from 7:30-9:00 CDT

Meeting Location: Winnetka Library Lloyd Room + Google Meet

Meeting Title: Executive Committing Planning and Coordination Meeting

Attendees:

Peter Eck
Kathy Hamburger
Alex Ross
Betsy Owens
Doug Sutton
Jan Bawden
Stephen Dewart

Observers:

Vicki Apatoff
Irene Smith

Minutes

Chair Eck called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and opened the meeting by introducing the two residents who had requested to attend and noted public comment would be included at the end of the proceedings.

The first item on the agenda was the Fall Town Hall post mortem. The Council reviewed and recommended that the upcoming Council continue the hybrid format, explore additional Zoom services, and maintain the relationship with Mi-Voice.

The council then discussed specific issues including registration, technical difficulties, and the need to facilitate check-in. It also reviewed the situation where handouts for non-Caucus Candidates were distributed and recommended the next Council develop a policy to address this.

Chair Eck conducted a postmortem on the 2024 year and after agreeing that the Farmer's Market was a success, the Council recommended the 2025 Caucus block out 3 dates. Other recommendations included how to best utilize the Parks, Library, and Schools committees' time if the Caucus were to revert to running survey questions for those taxing bodies every other year.

Additional recommendations included encouraging survey participation, budgeting for a lengthy survey review process, caucus member accountability, and upgrading Council members' tech skills,

The Council then discussed the 2025 Calendar and recommended a Spring Survey, moving the Fall Town Hall to October to account for the expected change to the State's Candidate filing deadline, and checking with boards and the community at large for conflicting scheduling dates, The Council agreed to move the Spring Caucus Council meeting to March

The Council discussed the need to review and possibly update the bylaws, including the adoption of rank choice voting, handling attendee and voter information, maintaining the data roster, code of conduct for members, Rule 84f, policies, and procedures for hybrid meetings, and reviewing conflicts of interest language.

Doug Sutton followed with a finance update including a [current financial standing overview](#).

Next steps included agreeing on a draft calendar for the year, publicizing Spring and Fall Town Hall dates with the other Boards + WCH, and locking in the Spring and Fall Town Hall dates.

When asked for public comment, the resident attendees complimented the Caucus on its responsiveness to residents' questions and concerns, and suggested more rigorous proofing of the survey.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 PM.