



## Winnetka Caucus Council Executive Committee

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### Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: 2024-08-08 from 7:30-9pm CDT

Meeting Location: Winnetka Library (Lloyd Room) + Google Meet

Meeting Title: Executive Committing Planning and Coordination Meeting

Attendees (6/10= Quorum):

1. Peter Eck
2. Stanton Anderson
3. [Laura Freechack](#)
4. Alex Ross
5. Patrick Conway
6. Ian Larkin
7. [Betsy Owens](#)
8. Jan Bawden

Chair Eck opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with a Slating update. He noted that 7 applications had been received to date: 2 for Village President, 1 for Village Council, 2 for Park Board. He agreed to put a call for candidates on social media.

All Slating Chairs would make a final push for Candidates.

Chairs of Parks and Schools were encouraged to reach out to incumbents for intent to apply.

The Fall Survey materials and timing were discussed. The EC asked for help from the governing boards to get the word out. The Village declined stating that the Caucus was a "political organization."

Fall Town Hall logistics were discussed including the need for a platform to handle the possibility of Instant Runoff Voting compliant with the Caucus Bylaw Rule 111-c. Bylaws regarding registration and voting were discussed. It was acknowledged that anyone can register, but in order to vote, attendees must be of voting age and a resident.

First drafts of Survey questions were reviewed and further direction given to the corresponding chairs. How to handle comments including profanity, defamation, etc. was discussed. It was agreed to limit the character count, and Alex Ross agreed to explore this further.

Also discussed was the intent to publish all comments but not attribute them to individuals. The EC will use its collective judgment as to whether comments violate broadly-accepted standards for civility in a public forum including no profanity, a focus on facts and opinions, and a focus on constructive insights and suggestions.

Open items that will continue to be addressed in subsequent meetings include Fall Town Hall logistics and proposed rules changes regarding digital voting. It was decided that the Caucus is not required to slate candidates for all open positions.

The meeting was concluded at 9:00 PM.