

Regular Meeting (**AGENDA**)
April 21, 2020
729 S. McLean Lower Level (Customary)
Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Start Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Executive Board

Carl Strathmann (Chairperson)
Mike Rende (Vice Chairperson)
Secretary (Patrick Gordon)
Treasurer (Janice Bennett)
Parliamentarian (Frank Imhoff)
Sergeant at Arms (Winfried Cooper)

This is the newly elected executive board. We welcome all who are doing it again and welcome Mike Rende and Frank Imhoff for stepping up to fill the members who were not able to continue. Thanks to Donna Griffin-Lego for her past involvement as Vice Chair and Art Malm for his as Parliamentarian.

Pledge of Allegiance

Winfried Cooper

Roll Call of Voting Members

Just a reminder during the business part of the meeting. Only elected and appointed precinct committee people, and officers, should respond to the voting on issues pertaining to Elgin Township Democrats issues and motions.

Approval of the agenda

Carl Strathmann

Minutes of previous meeting

Patrick Gordon (copy of minutes provided in print if requested) General highlights

Treasurer's report

Janice Bennett
To explain how to donate to ETD

Pass the hat

Recommend going to ETD page and donating with auto form

Things You Should Know:

Janice Bennett

- Vote Builder contact for password (Michelle Emanuel) mtemanuel@yahoo.com

Training and information

We as committee persons need to be the connection to neighbors in our precinct to inform, and keep informed of up and coming elections, candidates, etc. Stay with in bi-laws of ETD. If you have any questions about this process contact one of the officers or Frank Imhoff for details. Hopefully we are all pros by this time. My goal is to get all precincts (59 of them) covered and walked. ETD has many candidates that need your help. Next we will be needing to get out and make sure our precincts know where they are voting, when they are to vote, early voting locations, and in November where their polling place is. Check your precincts and ask the question if everyone in the house you visit is registered. Push the idea to all of your precincts How **IMPORTANT** it is when candidates that remain after primaries. **(TO VOTE BLUE NO MATTER WHO)** We need to come together and be a team for the Democrats.

Committee reports

Lois Swatscheno

Events, Parades, Rallies

strongly recommend contacting our State and Federal representatives about issues we are concerned about. Calling them keeps them informed of our issues. We also strongly represent demonstration participation.

We have attended monthly meetings of surrounding townships. I would like to expand the circle of success we had for upcoming elections. We can learn from each other what works well for winning. We would like to invite some committee people from their groups to join us at our meetings. Aurora and Dundee have done this so far. Let's keep this growth going.

Fundraising

Money is needed to help candidates and do programs.

We have a unique situation in Elgin with precincts that cover 3 represented districts. This means many candidates running. This also means many expenses. Donations can be made to our organization to help these candidates. We have a donation page set up. Contact Janice or Mike to assist.

Social Media, Website, Facebook

Frank Imhoff for Facebook page

Mike Rende for website

Other Committees Reports

Best Practices and precinct Reports

Precinct committee people. We need to connect with our precinct about our needs to local, state, and federal officials of how we in Elgin want to see America work for us the middle class, working class people. With current events many opportunities are present to discuss and build a movement. We now, more than ever have a chance to get young people involved. Lets all work on that chance provided. We are the change at the grass roots level.

Old Business

We need to have several action plans in place as we approach the next election. I am in the mind of focusing as a grassroots group and getting the precincts informed and building there base to get voters out. Part of that function is utilizing all means of doing so. i.e. social media, facebook, emails, face to face contact when able, group meetings when able. These are just some of the things we need to do. Mainly we need to inform our precincts of the continuing process.

New Business

Candidates running in Elgin: Congressman Sean Castin, Senator Dick Durban, State Senator Christina Castro, State Representative Anna Moeller, Kane County Board Chair Corinne Pierog, Kane county Board Chair, Kane County Board 20 Cheryl Strathmann, Kane County Board 22 Vern Tepe Kane County Board 19 Megan Larson, Circuit Clerk Theresa Barreiro, Kane County Auditor Penny Wegman, Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser, All of these need help to get fund raising done. We as a community have a great responsibility to make changes from our "Grass Roots" level. Time now for all to lift a little so no one has to lift a lot. To quote THOSE WHO SUCCEED ARE THE RESULTS OF SOME BEFORE THAT HAVE FAILED.

Next Meeting – Tuesday May 19, 2020 7:00pm-8:30pm by design location or process to be determined

Resolutions

We would like to continue to move forward with an ongoing plan for better turnout to our monthly meetings and more topics that we can cross train us for each meeting. We are requesting a topic or someone who would like to present training for future meetings. Please let one of the executive members know and we will make it happen.

Adjournment

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