

1926 CAUCUS PLATFORM GUIDE FOR THIS YEAR

Outline of Village Policies for Past Year Substantially That for 1927

The platform of the Village Caucus of of year ago (1926) is published here with at the request of the committee on arrangements for the 1927 Caucus, to be held Monday evening, March 14. This platform, WINNETKA TALK is informed, is substantially the same as that to be

presented for consideration next Monday. The 1926 platform reads:

RESOLVED, That this caucus of citizens of Winnetka, assembled for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Village offices to be filled at the coming April election, hereby adopts the following statement and declaration of its principles, purposes and policies, and requests the secretary to have the same published for the information of all voters, together with a list of the candidates nominated at this meeting:

The rapid growth of Winnetka in recent years has added to our village many new residents who are naturally unfamiliar with local politics. For their information it seems appropriate to explain how the village officers have been nominated in the past, the history of this caucus, the policies for which it stands, its organization and procedure.

History of Caucus. This caucus is the successor of similar meetings held each year for the last eleven years. The candidates selected in every instance have proved acceptable to the voters and were elected at the polls.

Participation in Caucus. All citizens in sympathy with the ideals and policies of the caucus are invited to participate and their co-operation is welcomed. To insure attendance of a considerable number, special notices have been mailed to those who have attended previous meetings or have indicated some active interest in community affairs. Any citizens notifying the secretary will be placed on this list for future years. The caucus is not, however, intended as a universal town meeting or open forum to settle all issues and could not so function or serve such purpose. Radical differences in policy should not be

finally determined by majority vote at any meeting attended by only a portion of the voters, but by the the presentation of alternative tickets for the consideration of all the voters at the polls. The aim of this caucus is to bring together a representative body of citizens fairly harmonious with respect to certain policies in order that a ticket of fit candidates, standing for those policies, may be presented to the voters. Any other group out of sympathy with these policies will always be at liberty to put its own candidates in the field.

Ideals, Purposes and Policies for which the caucus has stood and continues to stand may be summarized as follows:

1. **Qualification of Candidates.** The caucus aims to insure able, efficient and honest administration of the village affairs by securing candidates not only of unquestioned honesty, but of proved ability—men whose success and good judgment in their own business affairs and other matters justify placing the village problems in their hands. In carrying out this policy the caucus has avoided office-seekers and let the office seek the man. With few, if any, exceptions the candidates put forward by the caucus have consented to act and given their time at considerable personal sacrifice from a sense of civic duty and in response to the persuasions of the nominating committee.

2. **Discouragement of Unnecessary Parties.** The caucus aims to discourage artificial and unnecessary divisions into more than one party where there are no fundamental differences in policy. Permanent party alignments along national or state party lines, or otherwise are not needed in village affairs. They only tend to confuse the local issues, divide and weaken the forces of good government and build up self-interested organizations of office-seekers.

3. **Municipal Water and Light Properties.** The caucus has stood, and stands, unequivocally for the municipal ownership and operation and retention of the village water and light properties, and points to these operations with justifiable pride as indicating what may be done with an efficient and non-political administration.

4. **Track Depression.** The caucus has stood, and stands, and pledges its candidates to work for grade separation and track depression of our railroads. The frequent killing of our citizens and increasing number of high-speed trains makes this one of our most important and pressing problems. Much work has been done on this matter by our present officials and we congratulate them on the progress made. Both railroads have been committed to track depression in principle.

5. **Referendums on Franchises.** Our candidates are pledged to grant no franchises to railroads or other public utilities without first submitting the matter to a referendum vote of the citizens.

6. **Preservation of Residential and Community Ideal.** This caucus stands unequivocally for the preservation of the Residential and Community Ideal for our village. By this we mean the preservation, so far as controllable, of all those desirable features of our community life which have brought most of our citizens here and have caused some who have surveyed the suburban life of America to call it the ideal suburb. The great majority of our citizens come here to escape the bigness of the city and give their families the benefit of a more open and healthful country life and the more healthful interests which can only exist in comparatively small and homogeneous communities. The residential ideal should prevail and necessary commercial development should be in keeping with this ideal. This caucus stands for the carefully studied Village Plan, for enforcement of the Zoning law, for discouragement of commercial and industrial developments beyond the needs of a residential community and for exclusion, as far as possible, of apartments and hotels. In particular, it opposes any exploitation of the low lands to the west of the village. Undue and forced expansion into naturally undesirable lands, bringing large increases of population of a different character and perhaps new commercial and industrial centers and activities means direct and rapid progress backward toward the confused city life, and will be even more destructive of our present homogeneous community life than apartment development. Such development, aside from all other considerations, can only result in expense to our present citizens for unnecessary drainage assessments and increased tax burdens.

7. **Endorsement of Village Administration.** This caucus endorses the present village administration.

CLASSES HEAR ADAMS

The young men's class will again meet in joint session with the men's class at 9:30 in the Legion room, addressed by Myron E. Adams.

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