PC FORUM - March 8, 2019

MEETING SUMMARY

**Overview/Introduction**

After introductions, the conversation focused on the **April 2 Consolidated Election**. With multiple candidates not officially affiliated with Republican or Democratic parties, there is ambiguity about how to support the best candidates. Each Precinct Committeeperson knows the home precinct better than anyone else and must make choices about how to proceed, what doors to go to, and what candidates to support. A list is attached of recommended candidates – these are not Democrat candidates. There are no Democrats or Republicans running as such in a non-partisan election, and these are suggested choices for some of the contested races. Where there are the same number of candidates and openings, no suggestions are made. In a non-partisan election, we cannot endorse candidates.  However, if someone asks you your personal preference, the following have been to our meetings and given a good accounting of their position.

**Consolidated Candidates**

Jessica Hierbaum (with the help of her husband, Scott) has prepared the attached spreadsheet that includes all candidates for Milton Township. This spreadsheet will generate a list of candidates specific to your precinct for the upcoming Consolidated election.  Instructions are included in the spreadsheet.  If you have any questions or problems, please contact Jessica Hierbaum at JHierbaum@Gmail.com or (630) 453-0098.

**Canvassing before April 2**

The recommendation is to walk your precinct once between now and April 2, and do a simple lit drop. Two flyer samples are attached and include early voting information, suggested wording for supporting a specific candidate (as an example), the spreadsheet with its full list, and a general statement about the election, as well as the usual information about our Democratic organization. If you would like candidate flyers, contact Dennis Terdy. He has literature from several Milton candidates.

The Election Authority will not be sending out walk lists, but we have the data from the November election, and you can call or email Jessica (630-453-0098, jhierbaum@gmail.com) or Denise (630-668-2068, lilliluvr@aol.com) to request your updated list. The VAN is not updated yet, and will probably not be available for this Consolidated Election. However, we suggest you consider dropping off flyers at all houses, since the election is non-partisan.

**Poll Watching** Poll watching guidelines are also attached. During our monthly Milton Township Democrats meeting on March 28 meeting, we will do a brief presentation on poll watching, and will have required poll watching credentials available. Credentials must be presented at each polling place you go to and are specific for this election. Don’t forget to provide sustenance for the election judges who will be spending a long day and appreciate coffee, donuts, pizza, ice cream or whatever pleasant surprises you can provide them.

**Summer Flyer Update** As during the past two years, we plan to have a flyer presenting a non-partisan Democrat introduction to your voters. It should be available by June 1 for the Taste of Wheaton. If you would like to work on the initial stages of planning this brochure, please set your calendars to come on April 8, Monday, for a workshop at the Tomlinson home, 1S500 Taylor Rd. in Glen Ellyn, 7:30.

**Petitions – Fall** Looking ahead, the petition drive to gather signatures for the Primary will begin in September (See attached general calendar) and run to November*.* You will be getting signatures petition to be PC if running in your “home” precinct, as well as Candidates for President. Current Democrats up for re-election include Dick Durban, Sean Casten, Raja Krishnamourthi, Terra Costa Howard, and Deb Conroy.

**Upcoming PC Forums** Future Forums will be held in May to introduce the summer flyer, and in August to prepare for petition signature gathering

Attachments Suggested candidates in contested elections

Electronic candidate spreadsheet

Sample flyers with early voting schedule (2)

Pollwatching Supplemental Guide

Calendar of Coming Milton Township Democratic events