**WINFIELD TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING**

**June 19, 2024**

**Called to Order at 7:10 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**: Lynn Casey-Maher, Sheila Rutledge, Erik Spande, Suzanne Gagner, Jackie Williamson, Arnolfo Santoro, Leah Goodman, Barry Dredze, Azam Nizamuddin, Asma Nizamuddin, Cindy Krejci, Byron Miller, Greg Schwarze, Gerry Galloway, Maryann Vazquez, Cyd Paulsen, Barbara Intihar, Judi Lukas, Bernadette Young, Shawn Hatcher, Jennifer Zordani, Maggie Wunderly, Jose Alfonso Villalobos, Rick Gieser, Mary Cantoral, Kathy Saaman and Susan Kasprowicz. No Zoom use this meeting.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**: **Vice-Chair Sheila Rutledge** took the May minutes since **Secretary Kasprowicz** was ill. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Suzanne Gagner and seconded by Judi Lukas. The motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Treasurer Krejci reported that expenses were venue rentals for our summer events, as well as our yearly website domain registration fee. Garage sales figures will be reported next month

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| May Opening Balance | $8,098.22 |
| Donations | $50.00 |
| Expenses | $463.71 |
| May Closing Balance | $7,684.51 |

A motion to approve the report was made by Cyd Paulsen and seconded by Sheila Rutledge. The motion carried.

**CHAIR’S REPORT:** Chair Casey-Maher reported on previous events. She stated that the Women’s Empowerment Brunch was well attended and participation was phenomenal. The Garage Sale was held and she expressed appreciation for all donations. She discussed the recent DPDC leadership change and upcoming DPDC Executive Committee meeting.

**SPEAKERS:** **Azam Nizamuddin**, from Bloomingdale Township, gave a comprehensive presentation on the history of the Israel/Gaza conflict, from the Ottoman Empire through the current hostilities involving Israel and Hamas. His slide presentation was well-received and thorough. Considerable discussion among attendees followed the presentation, with some questioning how they could vote for Biden after his support for Israel. Others stressed that even if someone could not bring themselves to vote for Biden, at least leave the presidential slot blank and vote for the down ticket so that local Democrats were not penalized.

**Sheila Rutledge** and **Greg Schwarze** gave brief County Board reports.

**Cyd Paulsen** and **Judi** **Lukas** gave an update on the 708 Mental Health Board petitions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Casey-Maher** detailed upcoming Independence Day parades and WTDO events, including Greg Schwarze in 3 parades, WTDO in the Warrenville Parade, a fundraiser for Candidates Anderson and Lukas, an August movie night, the Good Old Days Parade in Winfield, and a comedy night.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Chair Casey-Maher at 8:41 p.m. and seconded by Sheila Rutledge. The motion carried.