

HOWSE Meeting #3, July 18, 2022
Braveheart 6:30 pm

Present:

Sandy Barr	Suzanne Speltz	Carl Nonhof	Cindy Markevitch
Lynn Borth Heidemann	Judi Pool	Connie Cortright	Bub Markevitch
Jon Paul	Teresa Claerbout	Ed Brey	Bill Paul
Ruth Villareal	Amy Binsfeld	Jesse Roethel	Oriannah Paul
Haley Stuckmann	Marc Brami	Gary Thelen	Russ Otten
Nate TenBroeke	Art DeJong	Joe Bernstein	Ruth Luedtke

Suzanne Speltz investigated Rocky Knoll's denial of entry to voting deputy, Judy Gasper. Rocky Knoll is shut down from the top, possibly Adam Payne.

Amy Binsfeld held a meet and greet in Kiel. A friend turned mole was there and challenged her a bit. Amy cautioned candidates to be aware of unsuspecting moles.

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Joe Bernstein commented that Robin Vos is making **Adam Steen's campaign** to unseat Vos very difficult. Adam Steen needs volunteers. Go to Steenforus.com to volunteer to do phone calls or knock on doors in Burlington.

One of the goals of the HOWSE project is to have **watchdogs** in each of the three governing bodies for Sheboygan and Sheboygan County, as well as outlying municipalities, to determine key campaign issues. Then, we search for candidates who will run on issues we believe in to build a winning campaign.

SASD: Jon Paul is an SASD watchdog. He welcomes help, but it is not urgent. Jon is on Human Growth and Development committee.

Opt-in, opt-out - No decision yet. Two people spoke at the SASD meeting. The student risk survey is administered every-other year. Survey option will be presented at the student's registration.

Jon Paul elaborated on the SASD Board and how the officers were determined prior to the meeting of the vote. The vote of the president is same as other members; it is a simple majority of the board. The president sets agenda. But president can't block agenda by others. Mary Lynn Donohue was elected president, but everything was cut and dried before the meeting. She is way more influential behind the scenes. Watch the agendas. If you aren't watching closely, they can pass something sneaky. This is typical of all three governing bodies.

They are advocating for mask mandates in the fall. But there are more people against masks than for masks.

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The Human Growth & Development books are old, and the curriculum will probably be updated in two years. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are scheduled for 2024.

Regarding the budget, they want to build 2 new middle schools. Add to Farnsworth, and for Urban build on the open land across from northside Pig.

Judi Pool and Ed Brey are looking at books in school library.

We need to flip the SASD school board. To find potential school board members, find a parent who has had enough, especially mothers.

Common Council: Judi Pool and Jesse Roethel are the watchdogs. Jesse: Mayoral announcement from June proclaimed Gay Pride Month. They are talking about a compensation study to look at wages of City workers and give raises to keep the workforce competitive. Most aldermen agree there should be an HR Director for Sheboygan. Property valuation changes. We should let our aldermen know our thoughts even if they aren't in our district.

County Board: Connie Cortright and Nate TenBroeke will be watchdogs. Connie felt compelled to get involved after living in Europe for 5 years and seeing what is happening here. We can use more help to monitor the subcommittee meetings.

County Board. Carl Nonhof and Suzanne Spelz are on the Board. Three voted against ARPA funds, but it passed. Regarding the fixed-base operator at the airport, the County wants to take over for Burrows, \$3(?) million startup cost. The County claims to be able to provide more and better services. Burrows is a female-owned veteran company. Resolution to Board tomorrow; vote in August. Carl Nonhof has requested a return on investment analysis on behalf of taxpayers to show how the county expects to generate the profits they claim from the airport. ROI statement would show financial returns.

Suzanne added that Covid is heating up again. Adam Payne planted the seed by meeting virtually instead of at Rocky Knoll to avoid infecting residents. Curt Brauer's wording was to "lead by example."

Outlying areas also need watchdogs: Just as we have identified the elected officials for the City and County of Sheboygan, we need to identify the elected officials of the municipalities. We need the help of people in each municipality to identify the people that need to be unseated.

Goal is to determine key issues of each body that are emerging or unresolved in order to use those issues as campaign platforms.

Recruiting candidates for local elected positions: We can't wait until October/November. We have to start now to identify candidates. There are four seats on common council.

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Nate reviewed the elected positions list showing term expirations and elected officials that we want to replace in the spring election. (attached). Everyone should bring some names to the September meeting so we can start vetting. Mid October or November is the first training with American Majority.

The **RPSC will support candidates** with training, campaign support and development, and literature. If there is anyone you know who will run for the expiring terms, have them contact Russ.

Trey Mitchell and Jacob Immel identified a **win pattern of candidates running as a group**. We need to find candidates who will run on a common platform and promote them as a group. That's how Manitowoc flipped their school board.

If you are interested in the **Sheboygan Falls School Board**, talk to Ed Brey, who is on the Sheboygan Falls School Board.

Sandy Barr commented that the **City of Plymouth School Board** is strongly affirming gender transition.

We need to create a grid of all governing boards in all municipalities including all school districts and identify who can be watchdogs.

Teachers dealing with the crap in schools are afraid to mention it with their name. Get videos of kids growling like animals in school to share with the group to show how bad it is.

County Board candidates need to **understand the local issues**, such as wind turbines. In the Town of Wilson, two members ran on opposition to the golf course and are still there after 10 years. People care about the issues over their party. That's why the watchdog groups are helpful to educate candidates.

In local races **people have to know you**.

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Meeting Cadence and Locations, City of Sheboygan and County			
Board	Sheboygan Common Council	Sheboygan County Board	Sheboygan Area School District
HOWSE Watchdogs	Judi Pool Jesse Roethel	Connie Cortright Nate TenBroeke	Jon Paul
Meeting Cadence	Third Monday of each month, 7 pm	4th Thursday at 3:00 PM, subject to change	4th Tuesday of the month, 6 pm
Meeting Location	City Hall, 3rd Floor Council Chambers, 828 Center Ave, Sheboygan	Sheboygan County Courthouse, 615 North 6th St, 5th Floor, Sheboygan	Board of Education Meeting Room of the Sheboygan Area School District Administrative Services Bldg, 3330 Stahl Road, Sheboygan
Link to agendas and minutes	https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/coswi/Board.nsf/Public	http://sheboyganmeeting.com/calendarlist.php	https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/about/board-of-education
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