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<b>Call to Order</b>				Establish Quorum Pledge of Allegiance	<b>Chair</b> established that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the party in the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>Introductions</b>					
<b>Review and Approval of January Minutes*</b>				<a href="#">January meeting minutes</a> reviewed.	Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously accepted the January minutes as presented.
<b>Reports and Updates</b>				<u>Chair, Bill Allen:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communications Committee chaired by Janet Neyer.</li> <li>○ Social and Community Development Committee.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">April Rural Caucus Summit</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introduced proposal to approve funding for a member to attend. To be finalized at March meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visitor's Bureau 150-year celebration (Jim Hunt): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updates provided from planning committee for event in June/July of 2027. Jim will represent WCDP.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Phone banking initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ List provided in meeting.</li> <li>○ Shared <a href="#">5 Calls</a> resource.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <u>Vice Chair, Paula Meyers:</u>  <u>Treasurer Amanda Moore:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative account balance: \$6060.57</li> <li>• State account balance: \$562.59</li> </ul> <u>Secretary, Erin Barbus:</u>  <u>Standing Committees:</u> County Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended WCDP endorse <a href="#">Curtis Hertel</a> for MDP Chair. Some WCDP members are planning to attend the 2025 <a href="#">MDP State Convention</a> to cast their vote.</li> <li>• MDP Committee Nominations.</li> </ul>	

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				<p>Communications Committee (Janet)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New website in production.</li> <li>Standardized WCDP name across platforms: Wexford Dems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facebook Page</li> <li>Facebook Group</li> <li>Website (w/links to socials)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Committee Chair welcomes party members who are interested in contributing for social media, visual content creation (e.g. Canva)</li> </ul> <p>Social and Community Development Committee (PJ):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February Social Event: Knitting Event (TBD)</li> <li>Rough sketch of calendar provided for member consideration and input.</li> </ul>	<p>Please email Janet @ <a href="mailto:j.neyer19@gmail.com">j.neyer19@gmail.com</a> to help out with the Communications Committee.</p> <p>Please email Meg and PJ @ <a href="mailto:Megsantangelo5@gmail.com">Megsantangelo5@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Meverspj@yahoo.com">Meverspj@yahoo.com</a> to help out with the Social and Community Development Committee.</p>
<b>Program</b>					
<p>John Helge, Manistee County Democratic Party Chair</p>				<p>Currently running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Committee for the Michigan Democratic Party. This committee is tasked with running a candidate to challenge /defeat John Moolenaar. Seeking support at MDP State Convention.</p> <p>Shared resource slides created by Bruce Stokes on mis/disinformation in 2024 election. Screened "<a href="#">From One Farmer to Another</a>" YouTube video.</p> <p>Group discussion.</p>	<p>Information sharing.</p>
<b>Discussion and New Business*</b>				<p><u>Motion and support</u>: WCDP formal endorsement of Curtis Hertel for Michigan Democratic Party Chair. Discussion.</p> <p>Question around WCDP engagement with local unions. Discussion.</p>	<p>Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously approved the motion.</p> <p><b>Chair</b> will communicate endorsement with Hertel's office.</p>
<b>For the Good of the Cause</b>				<p>Northern Michigan Student's Demand Action groups coming together to raise awareness on gun violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event 2/13/25 at State Theater in Traverse City.</li> <li>Discussion at 5:30p.m.</li> <li>Film "The Hate You Give" starts at 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p>Slate Podcast "<a href="#">Slow Burn: The Rise of Fox News</a>" shared.</p>	<p>Information sharing.</p>

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		<a href="#">Red Wine and Blue</a> group resource shared. Focus is on using joy to organize and change communities.  Oasis Fundraising Event: Eat at Qdoba 2/13/25 and a portion of the proceeds go to Oasis.  Resources <a href="#">Chop Wood Carry Water Substack</a> and <a href="#">Chop Wood Carry Water Podcast</a> shared.  Recommendation to create a mailer to send out to specified audiences – farmers, agricultural program properties – using public information/data.  <a href="#">National Ground Game</a> resource shared.			
<b>Adjourn*</b>		7:02 p.m.			
<b>Next Meeting</b>		<b>March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 5:30pm</b> <b>MEA Office</b>			

Notes Provided by: Erin Barbus

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