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<p>Call to Order</p>	<p>Establish Quorum To vote at meetings, register as a Michigan Democratic Party Member here: https://act.michigandems.com/a/member-free</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Chair established that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and led the party in the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>																																																												
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<p>Native Land Acknowledgement</p>	<p>Chair oriented group to this practice; read acknowledgement.</p>																																																													
<p>Review and Approval of Minutes*</p>	<p>October meeting minutes reviewed.</p>	<p>Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously accepted the October minutes as written.</p>																																																												
<p>Reports from Officers</p>	<p><u>Chair, Bill Allen:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged eight Democratic Senators that voted for the continuing resolution and the varied reactions. Overview of the role of the Senate/Senators and this moment in history. Encouraged unity within the party; the tide is turning! <p><u>Vice Chair, Paula Meyers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this meeting. Feels grateful for this group/sanctuary. <p><u>Secretary, Erin Barbus:</u> No report this meeting.</p> <p><u>Treasurer, Vacant (provided by Chair):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking volunteer for the Treasurer position. Software is being purchased to make the role less time consuming. Administrative Fund (organizational costs): \$6230.30 State Fund (candidate support): \$2,547.54 October Expenses Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail Chimp subscription Pubs and Politics event food Kitchen Table Conversation event food Democratic Socialist of America grant (invoiced) P.O. Box fee 	<p>Information sharing.</p>																																																												

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<p>Standing Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>County Committee</u> (Chair Mark Yonkman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to party members that voters support primary candidates and ballot initiatives. Shared that the executive committee of the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus endorsed ballot initiatives which puts candidates in the position of having to respond to the party endorsement. <p><u>Candidate Recruitment Committee</u> (Chair Chris Crain chrisformi101@gmail.com)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this meeting. <p><u>Communications</u> (Chair Janet Neyer j.neyer19@gmail.com)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook Page (public): Wexford Dems Facebook Group (private): Wexford Dems Instagram (public): Wexford Dems Website: https://www.wexforddems.org Featured engagement with MailChimp and social media rates; trending growth over the past three months. Dana and Courtney are working with Janet on starting a podcast for the WCDP. Have a passion for/skills around social media and graphic design? Contact Janet! <p><u>Social and Community Development</u> (Chair Meg Santangelo megansantangelo5@gmail.com)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December Event (Friday, December 12th): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Party Cadillac Grill (7839 46 1/2 Rd, Cadillac, MI) Plated dinner \$35.00 per person (includes food and gratuity) Every Friday: Coffee Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After 26 Depot 10am All are welcome for fellowship and discussion This is the final month the Wexford Dems will support the Love Locker in Manton community organization. Love 	<p>Information sharing.</p>																																																												

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	<p>Locker is a “free community resource providing clothing and hygiene products to our neighbors in need.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WCDP will collect for Oasis family for December, collecting to sponsor a family’s holiday wish list. More information on how to donate forthcoming. WCDP T-Shirts (\$15) and stainless-steel tumblers (\$20) are available for purchase. Make sure to get your shirt to wear to upcoming community events. Cadillac Area Backpack Program has a matching donation grant, up to \$20,000, for donations made in November. Donations can be made on their website. Ideas for events or community outreach? Interested in being a part of planning social and community development events? Contact Meg! <p><u>Political Action and Advocacy Committee:</u> Contact Bill (1955wjallen@gmail.com), interim committee chair, if you are interested in participating with this committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach from Mecosta County Democratic Party to combine efforts for an agricultural forum. Dave Maynard shared importance of consistent, positive messaging that reaches the working class, all people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to the Editor writing team/workshop Social Media squad Jim shared information around billboard opportunities and messaging. 	Jim will bring proposal to December meeting for review and approval.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Kings Demonstration 10/18/25 Kitchen Table Conversation 10/28/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris reflected the event succeeded as proof of concept. Board of Canvass Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony provided update from board meeting he attended following the November 4th election. 	Information sharing.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative activities with the WCRP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway clean up Parades Next Kitchen Table Conversation event being planned; next event will focus on Senatorial race. 	Information sharing.

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For the Good of the Cause				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark supported the Chair's report, noting the party missed a chance to extend SNAP while eliminating soft drink eligibility. Dana shared frustration with the passing of the continuing resolution, saying younger constituents feel the opportunity was lost and that those who backed the continuing resolution represent an older generation, not all constituents. Amanda shared information on an upcoming food and clothing drive to benefit community members through We the People Housing Justice Team. Tony offered free Christmas Trees for families in need; contact him with questions. Mark shared impact of Rank Choice Voting on small townships and their limited tax based and revenues around election costs. Chris Crain has been named 2nd Congressional District delegate to the Michigan Democratic Party's central committee. Amanda Siggins is also a delegate. Bill is an alternate. The 2nd Congressional District will be looking for volunteers for their next poker night fundraiser. When information becomes available it will be shared in the Take Action Tuesday newsletter. 	Information sharing.
Adjourn				7:10 p.m.	
Next Meeting				Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 @ 5:30 pm MEA Office	Notes Provided by: Erin Barbus

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