

June 9, 2025 Minutes
Gratiot County Democratic Party Executive Committee
Meeting Held at our Office on Wright Ave. Alma, MI

Meeting called to order by Chair, Christie Freestone at 6:00

Leadership Roll Call -

Christie Freestone (Chair) - P
Michael Lynch (Interim Vice-Chair) - P
Lisa Gregory (Secretary) - P
Brent Devries (Treasurer) - P
Nancy O'Brien (Parliamentarian/Governance) - P

- Michael Lynch has been appointed our temporary Vice-Chair. He will be elected by our membership if he chooses to accept.
- Brent reported that he has recently participated in training, which was informative and helpful.
- We discussed our Calendar Club fundraiser and how we want to proceed. It was agreed that we will aim to get this started at our picnic.
- Caroline has been coordinating our partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. She has volunteers to serve at the Rural Urban Days dinner at the fairgrounds and would like to encourage members to attend this event. Our goal is for rural folks to know that Gratiot Dems support them. The dinner will be Thursday, June 26 from 4:30-7:00.
- There is concern about around 20 international students at Alma College who were unable to go home this summer. We will offer to help provide entertainment or support for these students if needed.
- Tomorrow night event - Potential Democratic Candidate Info night
- Old Business: Our DDay march was effective, and received lots of positive response.
- We will have a No Kings march on the 14th with a potluck afterward.
- Our Empty Chair Town Hall event has been tabled for now.
- We discussed the possibility of having July be reserved for members to do "personal protests." One suggestion was having a table at one of our farmers markets to discuss issues.
- Mission/Vision/Goals - Our committee will find a time to meet to discuss these.
- Office Workers - We still need more folks to sign up to help out.
- The Next Chapter Book Club will meet August 2 at Lincoln Road United Methodist Church.
- We would like to have more letters to the editor published in our newspapers.
- The possibility of offering a Gratiot County Democrats scholarship was discussed. We will contact other counties who offer scholarships for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Our next meeting will be our General Membership Meeting on Monday, July 14 at 7PM at our GCDP office.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gregory