March 9, 2026 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 10:00 AM.

Leadership Roll Call -
Christie Freestone (Chair) - P
Dan Greening (Interim Vice-Chair) - P (Zoom)
Lisa Gregory (Secretary) - P
Brent Devries (Treasurer) - P
Nancy O'Brien (Parliamentarian/Governance) - P
Caroline DeGraaf (Membership) - P

- Dan showed us a system (Trello) that Christie is using to organize our tasks. They will be using this tool to organize what we are doing.

- We continue to pursue the Michigan Democratic Party to approve and publish our updated bylaws.

- We are working on scheduling deep canvassing training.

- Changes to the Lights On Fundraiser have been tabled for now.

- The Executive Committee adopted the following membership guidelines. We will be contacting members and asking them to renew their GCDP memberships. We will offer the following options:
    - **Sustaining Member** - $1000 per year or $84/month per year
    - **Paid Member -** $50 or more per year
    - **Volunteer Member** - no cost, we just request that volunteer members work at least 4 hours per year in our office or at our events
    - **Subscriber** - subscribers are not official GCDP members, but receive our newsletter and other communications
        - Sustaining Members and Paid Members will receive a GCDP t-shirt as part of their membership

- GCDP office
    - Brent is working with Bobenal to reconcile our utility bill and address trash removal
    - Marc Raycraft will talk with Bobenal regarding building issues
    - Our lease is over at the end of the year. The Executive Committee had discussion regarding how to handle this and agreed to explore options.

- The Executive Committee agreed to continue with weekly email check-ins. We will have these sent by Monday evening.

- We need a Chairperson for the Candidate/Elections committee and a Technology Advisor. It was agreed that we will advertise for both of these in our publications.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45

Our next meeting will be our General Membership Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gregory