July 13, 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 9:25

Leadership Roll Call -

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

- Brent recommended that each fundraiser have a treasurer who develops a budget, collects money, and submits information to him.
- Brent reiterated how important it is to completely fill out a contribution form for even small amounts of money that we receive.
- Office Manager - This is a new position that Bradley Rykman has volunteered to fill. We will develop a job description. Dan moved that Bradley be appointed as office manager and head of the office committee. Brent seconded - unanimous consent. The office manager will be responsible for:
    - Scheduling and training volunteers
    - Maintaining printer
    - Other duties as defined in the job description.
- Fundraising - discussion was held on how to encourage large donations. A thank-you event is being planned for our large donors.
- A budget for the Executive Committee was discussed. If we know what we want to spend we will be better able to know what we need to raise. We will work toward creating a budget.
- The Gratiot Chamber will have a Candidate Debate July 21 at the RESD. We will invite our candidates to a practice session before the debate.
- We are looking into options for our office location after 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Our next meeting will be our General Membership Meeting on July 20, 2026 at

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gregory