September 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 3:00.

Leadership Roll Call -

Christie Freestone (Chair) - P

Dan Greening (Vice-Chair) - P

Lisa Gregory (Secretary) - P

Brent Devries (Treasurer) - P

Nancy O'Brien (Parliamentarian/Governance) - P

Caroline DeGraaf (Membership) - P

- Reid-Knox Forums
    - We have asked someone to be chairperson and are hoping to put a committee together
    - A forum on Clean Energy is being planned
    - It was agreed to find a location other than our office to keep these non-partisan
- Resist Saturdays
    - Postcards and Buttons - We are planning to write postcards for specific candidates. Nancy will have more information as this develops. People are still coming on Saturdays to write postcards. We are also making buttons for candidates and need to make more.
    - Abdul El-Sayad Grandpa Event - We are hoping to have some of Abdul's relatives speak at one of our Resist Saturdays. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
    - Abdul/Rogers Debate Watch Party - We hope to have a watch party for the first Abdul/Rogers debate on October 8. More information will be shared.
- Chamber Community Guide Ad - tabled until the October meeting
- Reduce Spectrum Bill - Brent is working on this
- Nurse Strike Update -
    - They used our office to have a negotiating meeting
    - Nurses struck again and marched on September 9 and another strike is planned for later in September
- Gratiot Dem Budget 2027
    - Dan would like to sponsor another matching-funds giving opportunity.
    - Dan will use the collected amount from the the matching-funds event to work on the budget

- Gratiot Candidate Slate - this is printed and available in the office
- The Newsletter deadline is Wednesday, September 16. The newsletter will be published Monday the September 21.
- Dan is going to share his Playbook with our GCDP members. These books contain a wealth of information about our county and voters. Members will be notified.
- Discussion was held regarding the best way to work with other community groups to reach the most people.
- Major Donor Event - we will put an article in the newsletter with more information
- 2CD Funding Request - We will send volunteers with Texas Hold 'Em again this year
- Building Location 2027 - We continue to explore our options,
- Membership Update - We are working on comparing our list to the Michigan Democratic Party list
- We discussed purchasing more tables - this discussion was "tabled" until next summer
- Office Manager - Bradley Rykman continues to contact volunteers to keep our office up and running during our new hours
    - Office Hours:
        - Monday, Thursday, Saturday 11:00-1:00
        - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 4:00-6:00

Meeting adjourned at 5:20

Our next meeting will be our General Membership Meeting on September 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gregory