

December 12, 2022 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 5:00

Leadership Roll Call -

Christie Freestone (Chair) - P
Al Bartholomew (Vice-Chair) - P
Lisa Gregory (Secretary) - P
Brent Devries (Treasurer) - P
Nancy O'Brien (Parliamentarian/Governance) - P
Bobbie Renshaw (Candidates/Elections) - P
Renee Faustmas (Event Logistics) - P
Michelle Ringle (Fundraising) - P
Caroline DeGraaf (Membership) - P
Nancy Gott (Public Relations) - P
Ed Lorenz (Reid-Knox Forums) - P
Betty Apple (Resolutions and Petitions) - P

Discussion of Public Relations Committee - purpose

- There was discussion regarding community outreach versus publicity. The duties outlined in the bylaws for the Public Relations Committee were discussed, and consideration was given to adding a committee for Community Outreach.
- It was decided to table the idea of a Community Outreach Committee until our next meeting.

Master Calendar Scheduling of Events for 2023

- Christie reminded everyone that our events must align with DEM goals, and that some events should be for fundraising
- Trivia nights at local establishments and traveling Coffee with the Dems were both discussed
- Dates are being added to the 2023 calendar (see next page)

Next Meeting: General Membership Meeting - Monday, January 16, 2023 - 7:00 PM - Gratiot Democrats Office

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05

-Respectfully submitted by Lisa Gregory (Secretary)

JANUARY

- January 1 - membership drive begins

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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

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APRIL

- Adopt-a-Highway - Helen Solderman -

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MAY

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JUNE

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JULY

- Gratiot Dems Picnic (F) - Renee Faustman and Caroline D - Suggested:

AUGUST

- Road Rally (F) - Suggested: August 17
- Fair? - Christie and Betty will check on location (do this only if location changes)

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SEPTEMBER

- Adopt-a-Highway - Helen Solderman

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OCTOBER

- Vicki Chessin Event (F) - Suggested: Thursday, October 19

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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Reid-Knox Forums (4th Mondays) - Ed Lorenz - February 27, March 27, April 24 (PBB), May 22, September 25, October 23, November 27 - Alma Public Library or Ballyhoo Books

Trivia - Starting in January weekly - Nancy O. - Pins (Thursday nights) The Blockhouse (Wednesday)

Bobbie - sign up for members to attend County Commission meetings

Come Home to Alma and other Chamber events - Christie will talk to Chamber to see about joining the Chamber

Book club in July will be the 8th