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Call to Order	Establish Quorum Pledge of Allegiance	Chair established that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the party in the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Introductions	Welcome new/returning members and guests!		
Guest Speaker: Marla Courtney MSU Extension, 4H, AmeriCorps, Salvation Army, Jam and Bread, Cadillac Arts Council	Commercial kitchen has allowed for meals to be provided to 60 people in the past 3 days. Looking to expand nutrition options for community members while creating an opportunity for youth culinary skill development. Advocating for working together to coordinate resources for our community members. Kitchen volunteers needed; volunteer application will need to be completed. Also seeking donations of milk, butter, and eggs.	Information sharing.	
Review and Approval of November Minutes*	December meeting minutes reviewed.	Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously accepted the December minutes as presented.	
Reports and Updates	<u>Chair, Bill Allen:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages staying engaged; keep the momentum. • Provided information on how to make a monthly gift to the Wexford County Democrats through our website at http://www.wexforddems.org/donate.html (Act Blue). These monies go to the administrative account. • Continuing to work on the idea of a symposium that features a speaker series. <u>Vice Chair, Paula Meyers:</u> Deferred. <u>Treasurer Amanda Moore (provided by Chair):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State account: \$562.59 • Administrative account: \$5,9515.21 • December 2024 Expenditures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$252 post-election Pub and Politics Events ○ \$250 After 26 Holiday Event <u>Secretary, Erin Barbus:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared meeting time/date poll responses and recommendation: 	Information sharing.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep meeting on the 2nd Wednesday if we change the time to a 5:30-6:30 meeting with an efficient agenda. ○ 1st and 4th Wednesdays @ 6pm work as alternates. <p><u>Standing Committees:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● County Committee - No meeting since December 2024; no updates. ● Candidate Recruitment Committee – to be formed; no updates. <p><u>Ad Hoc Teams:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oasis Food Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paula shared the request for new home move in kits for three families that are graduating to independent housing. ● Oasis Adopt-a-Family: Final Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susie provided a summary of WCDP efforts. Tremendous response by the group for this family. ● Holiday Event: Final Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Held at After 26 ○ 50 people attended, non-political ○ Surprise visit by Santa 		
Discussion and New Business*	<p><u>January Event*:</u> Strategic planning session proposed for Saturday, January 25th, 10am @ MEA Office. Group discussion.</p> <p><u>February Event:</u> Pursuing “Movies for the Mind” event in February. Requires venue board approval. Discussed potential concerns related to venue policy on hosting political events. Clarification that this is intended as a social event sponsored by WCDP rather than a political event.</p> <p><u>Manistee visit 1/11/2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair encouraged members to attend Manistee’s planning session on January 11th. ● Ride shares are available. ● Lunch meeting at the Painted Lady following session. 	<p>Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously approved a strategic planning session meeting for Saturday, January 25th @ MEA to start at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Information sharing.</p>	

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Adjourn		Meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m.			
Next Meeting		February 12th 5:30pm MEA Office			

Notes Provided by: Erin Barbus