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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 6:15 p.m., and led the party in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Introductions		
Review and Approval of November Minutes	November meeting minutes reviewed.	Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously accepted the November minutes as presented.

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Reports and Updates	Chair, Bill Allen:
	• Provided structural overview of and updates from the County Committee (met before general meeting).
	   o The total on the committee is 8 members, quorum set at 3.
	   o Every two years, this committee elects new officers.
	   o In charge of bylaw revision, bylaws were amended today.
	• Overview of committees.
	• PO Box renewed; required for website ($91/6 months).
	
	Vice Chair, Paula Meyers:
	• Deferred
	
	Treasurer Amanda Moore (provided by Chair):
	• Post election reports have been filed.
	• State Account $562.59
	• Administrative Account $6,105.57
	
	Secretary, Chad Phillips:
	• Chair shared Secretary's recommendation to bring website management in house.
	• Stepping down as Secretary; Erin Barbus has been elected Secretary by by the County Committee.
	
	Standing Committees:
	• Candidate Recruitment Committee
	
	Ad Hoc Teams:
	• Food Banks
	   o Continue collecting non-perishable food or hygiene items for Oasis.
	• Oasis Adopt a Family
	   o Gift Tree is nearly full! Additional money collected will be given to mother to purchase remainder of gifts for children.
	• Holiday Event
	   o After 26 Depot December 13th 6-8pm.
	   o By invitation/sign up only – there are still spots available.
	   o Volunteers bringing a variety of appetizers to share and music to share.
		Information sharing.
		
		Oasis Adopt a Family: Gifts will be delivered the morning of Monday, December 16th.

*Support for a Petty Allocation Policy	Up to $100 by any two officers of the WCDP (verbal approval from one other officer, one officer signatory).	Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously approved.
*Routine Budget Approvals	• $30 Postage • $13/month Mailchimp	Upon motion duly made and seconded, the party unanimously approved items (1) and (2).

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Print Service Account	Chair presented consideration of establishing an account for printing services versus costing printing supplies. Group discussion. Tabled.	Information sharing.

Discussion and New Business	Review Strategic Plan:
	• Chair led party through a review of strategic plan components. Progress discussed, outlined.
	• Suggested rewording volunteering action item to be more general ("community volunteering opportunities as they arise"); supported.
	• Discussed opportunities for out county pop ups at local festivals.
	• Suggested adding "increasing Democratic candidates" in Wexford County; supported.
	• Suggested adding "active outreach to elected officials in Wexford County and within the state of Michigan;" supported.
	Spring Candidate Recruitment Symposium:
	• Proposed as a new community event, starting with nonelected positions (e.g., poll worker) and moving into elected positions to share how community members can get involved.
	• Discussed logistics for hosting an ongoing series.
	January Guest Speaker:
	• Chair seeking suggestions.
	January Social Event:
	• Ideas discussed
	   o Pub and Politics
	   o Movie Night
	   o Benefit Dinner for Candidates
	   o Pizza Night
	   o Corn Roast
	   o Strawberry Social
	Affiliated groups/organizations update:
	• Change of leadership in the Second Congressional District.
		Chair will update Strategic Plan and share at January 2025 meeting to be approved.
		
		Chair will contact library and party member with technology/resources for movie screening night.

For the Good of the Cause	• Reminder about bell ringing opportunities through the Salvation Army. Register at www.registertoring.com. • Recommendation for increased content on website including advocacy action items. • Discussion about changing party meeting dates to accommodate other local governmental meetings. • Discussion about Adopt a Highway option; suggested to have county Republicans join us.	Information sharing. **Erin** will send a poll for alternate dates starting in February 2025.
Adjourn	7:30pm	
Next Meeting	**January 8th, 2025 @ 6pm** **MEA Office**	

Notes Provided by: Erin Barbus

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