

**Waupaca County Democratic Party Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 10, 2026, 401 Bridge St, Manawa**

Present: Barb K, Dave K, Maggie T, Bob C, Robert F, Shawna R, Mark M, Tracy W, Diana B, Jennifer S, Karen V, Joan G, Judy C, Stuart W, Phil W, Janice C, Phil W

Via Zoom: David P, Sandy P, Bill H, Dean S, Sue N

Call to order at 10 a.m. by Chair Stu. He asked for a moment of silence for the ICE killing in Minnesota.

Stu then led the Pledge of Allegiance

Dave K. Made a motion to approve the agenda, Phil seconded , motion carried

Officer reports:

Dave made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes, Maggie seconded, motion carried.

Tracy gave the treasurer's report. She added that the Manawa Chamber of Commerce membership and flower basket fund have been paid, as well as the village tax bill.

As technology director, Tracy also gave us some updates and asks that we continue to send pictures for the photo page and any other suggestions. She noted that membership has been reconciled to 146, with one new and 8 added by reconciliation.

Bill H reported that January has the least renewals at 4, with only 2 letters going out since it was 2 couples renewing.

Chair Stu's report:

A.) Nomination papers: 140 signatures were collected for State Supreme Court Judge, Chris Taylor. Helene P has updated the excel spreadsheet of voters who have signed papers. This list has also gone to update the stateVAN system.

B.) Recycle ink cartridges, signs, rechargeable batteries, and bring food pantry items:

Over \$300 was raised from recycling , more food has been dropped off at pantries. The need is not great right now because of the holiday surplus, but will be needed again.

C.) Vigil in New London: on Sunday, January 11, starting at 4:30 p.m., a candlelight vigil will be held on the bridge in New London. Bring candles, vigil lights, bags of "ice melt"

D.) Candidate meet and greets: Phil is scheduling additional guests, which will include Governor candidates. He is hoping to "piggyback" meetings with surrounding counties. He will attempt to keep these dates to match our meeting dates.

Stu also confirmed that the state DPW is in the process of hiring chairs for all positions.

E.) Office Support: starting next week we will receive \$350 monthly from DPW, as well as \$10 from each membership as they come in.

New Business:

1. Judy announced “Let’s DoSomething-Waupaca” will have volunteers lined up along W Fulton Street in front of U-Haul, Piggly Wiggly, and Cost Cutters from 11-12 January 24th with signs/messages for a small sign event. She asked us to mark our calendars, drive by, wave, and beep to show support .

She also announced the next meeting of Let’s Do Something will be at the Waupaca library Wednesday , February 11th with the main topic being Education: especially school funding

2) New poll workers begin training next week

3) Phil announced that voters can have their early voting ballots hand stamped to ensure they are counted in elections. That will have to be verified, because presently all ballots must be at the election site by the close of the day of elections.

Our next meeting date is Saturday Feb. 14th, 10 am, Manawa office

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Phil seconded, meeting adjourned 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Kobs

January 13, 2026