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Waupaca County Democratic Party Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 11, 2026@ 10 AM 401 So. Bridge ST, Manawa

Present: Diana B, Jennifer S, Nicolette C, Tracy W, Bob C, Barb K, Stu W, Phil W, Dave K, Judy C, Janice C, Maggie T, Georgia
Zoom: Bill H

Chair Stu called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave made a motion, Tracy seconded, to approve the agenda with the following change: Missy Hughes will meet here on May 25th instead of May 18th. Motion carried.

Phil made a motion, Maggie seconded to approve the March minutes as written. Motion carried.

Tracy gave the treasurer's report. She continues to work on reconciliation issues with the state. Stu gave updates on the cost of bulk mailing rates, the number of mailings already done, and reimbursements from candidates. Diana made a motion to accept the report, Phil seconded, Motion carried.

Tracy also gave the technology report: updates will be made to the election information page, a laptop was updated for Janice to use for nomination lists, loaded the Google Computer with Zoom, and installed a new microphone on the laptop for easier hearing on Zoom. She then introduced the form to be used for all communication requests.

Bill reported that there were 6 renewal notices sent out for April. He also requested that he be given a list of lapsed members to whom he will send letters. Stu will provide that list.

Jen reported on canvassing Chris Taylor in Waupaca County. Take away: more information to residents for upcoming voting dates.

Stu gave the following report:

A. Members are planning to attend the CD8 convention in Green Bay on May 2nd register soon. He also reminded those planning to attend the DPW convention in Madison on June 13th and 14th to also register soon.

B. Nomination papers: papers for the primary election on August 11, 2026, need to be collected between April 15th and June 1st. Stu will have them ready on April 16th at the office. A question arose concerning the "intentions "of whom the circulator is voting for "at this time". We will seek information from the WDP.

****Please note that subsequent to the meeting we received clarification from DPW on how to handle the nomination papers. DPW recommended that individuals should only circulate nomination papers for candidates that they support and should only sign nomination papers

for one candidate. We will have nomination papers available during office hours or anyone who wants to personally circulate papers on behalf of a candidate*****

C. Reminder: recycle ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, and signs. Bring food pantry items.

D. Thanks to Dave for leading the task of placing large signs for Chris Taylor around the county and for taking them down after the successful election.

Phil updated us on candidate meet and greets: Francesca Hong for Governor is scheduled for 10 AM on May 9th. Mandela Barnes for Governor is scheduled for 11 AM on May 16th. Missy Hughes for Governor is scheduled for 11 AM on April 25th. Yee Xiong for treasurer wants only a few minutes on May 13th at the WCDP meeting. Emily Steffos for 19th District State Senate will be at Hinders in Waupaca from 1-3 PM on April 24th.

New Business:

- A. Georgia shared snippets from mail she is receiving after writing to CD8 Representative Tony Wied.
- B. Judy reported that the next meeting of the "Let's Do Something" will be April 15th from 5-7 PM at the Waupaca Public Library. The first hour will be a presentation from the League of Women Voters of Appleton. The second hour will be focused on farming and farm products, as well as food pantries and farm markets. Winchester Academy in Waupaca is also hosting a program on Managed Grazing April 27th at 6:30 pm at the Waupaca Public Library meeting rooms.
- C. Dave reported that Waupaca Strawberry Fest will be from 9-4 on June 20th in downtown Waupaca. Volunteers will be needed.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM, Phil seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Barb Kobs, Secretary
4/17/2026

Candidate for Governor Joel Brennan was present for a meet and greet following the meeting.