

**Cass County Democrats
Officers Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2024**

1. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Sarah
2. Roll Call - Sarah Slattery (Chair), Jayden Speed (Vice-Chair), Wendy Callahan (Secretary) present
3. Motion to Excuse Absences - none to be excused
4. Land Acknowledgment
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Discuss, consider, and vote to approve minutes of October 15, 2024 Officer Meeting - Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.
6. Treasurer's Report - \$100.00 fee was paid to register with the NADC to file financial reports. Erin's most recent invoice was paid. Sarah would like all officers to meet to go through the bags she received of all the Treasurer's records, as they seem to go back for at least a decade and it's a big job for one person. She thinks many can probably be destroyed but doesn't want to make that decision alone. Would like to organize that and then seek a new Treasurer.
7. Old Business
 - a. NDP Grant Application - current status of application - Sarah still hasn't heard a response, even after emailing Gina on October 15 to follow up. We aren't sure if the money for the grant is even still available, but she will email again to ask about the status.
 - b. NADC Reporting - status of filing - Our application and fee were accepted, and the first report is due January 14, 2025.
 - c. Voter Outreach/Get Out the Vote - NDP texting grant - Sarah may reach out to Precious regarding this, as well as to discuss our plans for 2025, to share our growth in 2025, and to explain the importance of ensuring no unopposed races in 2026.
 - d. Central Committee and sub-committees (i.e. Voter Outreach, Finances, Candidate Recruitment & Resources) - Jayden proposed amendments to the constitution and By-laws regarding a Central Committee and sub-committees. We discussed adopting the proposals and announcing them at the retreat in January. **We will vote on the proposed changes during the December meeting.**
8. New Business
 - a. Retreat
 - i. Discuss, consider and approve the scheduling of a Cass County Democrats retreat. - January 5, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. was proposed as the best date and time for the retreat. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.

- ii. Discuss, consider and approve the location for the Cass County Democrats retreat. - The Main Event in Plattsmouth was proposed as the location for the retreat. The cost would be \$200 for the first 4 hours plus \$100 for 2 more hours, for a total of \$300. No cleaning fee. Motion to approve, seconded and, and carried. *Learned after the fact that The Main Event will charge their 2025 fees, which would be \$400 for 4 hours on a Sunday plus \$50 per hour for additional time. Discussed via group chat and approved acceptance of the contract.* No AV equipment is available, but we can borrow a projector from the library for the event.
- iii. Discuss, consider and approve the agenda for the Cass County Democrats retreat. - Jayden provided a draft of the proposed agenda and discussion followed regarding possible guest speakers. Jayden planned to reach out to the hoped-for speakers and it was agreed that we would finalize and **vote on the agenda during the December meeting. We will also discuss and vote on budget at the next meeting, with a proposal of perhaps \$10 per person for food.** A Google form to RSVP and list any guests and dietary restrictions, and a newsletter focused on the retreat are to be created and sent. We want only registered Democrats and their guests, not random people, due to the nature of the event (to include strategizing for 2026 elections). For that reason, the event won't be posted on Mobilize.

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned.