

**Cass County Democrats  
Officers Meeting Agenda – December 19, 2024  
6 p.m. at Tiki Time**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Motion to Excuse Absences
4. Land/Holiday/Season Acknowledgment

The winter solstice is a special time for those who honor and acknowledge the patterns of our natural world.

On this day, the sun is at its lowest point in the sky, traveling across the sky world above us in a short stride, resulting in the shortest day and the longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. For Indigenous people across the globe, the natural world is a source of teachings about natural and universal laws. In understanding the interconnectedness of all things, we recognize that the cosmos– the sun, moon, stars, and other planets– affect us and connect us in undeniable ways.

The winter solstice is an event that has been observed for millenia by many of our Indigenous ancestors. While some Tribal Nations have traditionally held special ceremonies during celestial events like the winter and summer solstices, others may have simpler ways of observing these moments. Some Tribal Nations have maintained teachings around solstice time, while others may be seeking to revive the teachings, practices and ceremonies that were forcibly taken from us.

In its period of darkness, the winter solstice is an opportunity to go inward with deep intention, to care for our spiritual selves, our bodies and minds, our loved ones and families, and to prepare for the longer days ahead.

5. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Discuss, consider, and vote to approve minutes of November 27, 2024 Officer Meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Old Business
  - a. Discuss, consider and approve change of venue due to unexpected pricing difference for 2024 vs. 2025.
  - b. Discuss, consider, and approve proposed changes to Constitution and By-Laws regarding the creation of a Central Committee and sub-committees (i.e. Voter Outreach, Finances, Candidate Recruitment & Resources)
  - c. Discuss, consider, and approve agenda for the Cass County Democrats retreat.

- d. Discuss, consider, and approve budget for food and any other needs identified for the Cass County Democrats retreat.
- 8. New Business
  - a. Retreat
    - i. Discuss, consider and approve update to by-laws for procedure to change previously voted-upon business.
      - 1. Proposed wording to be discussed: “Executive committee communication channel has authority to override prior meeting decisions between meetings in cases of fiscal responsibility. Overrides and explanations will be included in the next month’s minutes”
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment