Minutes
Chequamegon Democrats Membership Meeting
Chequamegon Dems Office, Ashland, Wisconsin

August 8, 2026

1. **Call to Order**. Chairperson Kathleen Adee called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Ginger Murray Presentation and Q&A. Ginger Murray, candidate for Congress from Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District, addressed the group and answered questions.

3. Introductory comments. Kathleen reminded everyone about the August 11 Primary.

4. Approval of July 11, 2026, Minutes. Our meeting notice provided a link to our website page where members can review our minutes. **Motion (Jamie Paterson), second (Greg Trush) to approve the minutes from July 11, 2026. Carried.**

5. Treasurer's report. Our meeting notice provided a link to our website page where members could review the treasurer's report. Treasurer Sandy Raspotnik orally presented the report. She noted that we will have some high expenses coming up for the picnic. **Motion (David Siegler), second (Monica Lee) to accept the Treasurer's Report.**

6. Unity Tour/Picnic. We moved the date of our annual picnic from August 29 to next Saturday, August 15, to coincide with the Wis Dems "Unity Tour." The tour is planned to include all the winners of the Democratic Primary on Tuesday and will stop in Ashland at 11:30 next Saturday. We are one of only 17 stops. It will still be a potluck, with the Cheq Dems providing pulled pork sandwiches. We want this to be a big deal. Bring your friends. We'll be calling for volunteers. Mike will need volunteers for the Ashland County Fair that weekend, too. Greg asked if we'd made security arrangements. Kathleen remarked that we have had some discussion on that.

7. August 11. Ask people if they have a voting plan. We'll have a watch party at Lost Apostle in Washburn. We start at 7:00. We'll have music at 7:30. We end at 11:00.

8. Various things. Kathleen read a letter from Ben Wikler that came with his book. Sandy noted that it would be a good book to plan a discussion around. Kathleen said she is trying to get Ben to come here to promote his book.

Jamie noted that no matter who wins the governor's primary, if we are united afterward, any one of our candidates can win in November.

Mike observed that while Tiffany has lots of money, we've beaten lots of money before, in the last two Supreme Court races.

Dan asked if we'd gotten a field organizer. Kathleen answered yes. Grace will cover Cheq Dems and Douglas County.

9. **Adjournment**. **Motion (Jamie Paterson), second (Dan Goglin) to adjourn. Carried.** We adjourned at 11:29.

Respectfully submitted:

David Siegler
Secretary