

## ACRP MEETING MINUTES- March 19th, 2018

Place: Forest Home Township Hall, absent G. Valerio (excused) and K. McMaster

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by Chairman Randy Bishop who led the pledge of allegiance followed by Christian Marcus who gave the invocation.

Treasurer Report given by R. Bishop. Motion to accept Patti Niepoth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicky Bishop, all approved. Secretary Report read by C. Hogan. Motion to accept Christian Marcus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barb Bradford, approved.

Jim Gurr introduced John Wells, Regional Field Director, who spoke about his goals to build a volunteer network group that stays in place after the elections and into the future. John has been starting teen groups, college student groups and recognized Nicolas Wilcox and the recent successful start-up in Elk Rapids of the Antrim County Tars group. John also mentioned the recent training he gave on campaign finance and mobile training at the District Round-Up held in Mackinaw City this past week-end that was attended by Dawn Lavanway and Cherie Hogan.

Randy explained the flyer for the June 28<sup>th</sup> debate and how to go to Eventbrite to buy tickets and register your dinner selection. There was discussion on reaching out to other candidates and surrounding county groups to attend the event. June 14 is the deadline to buy tickets.

Debate questions were discussed on a committee conference call with Dawn Lavanway, Jim Gurr, Greg McMaster, Tom Stillings and Randy. Modification to some questions was suggested by Representative Triston Cole so the committee is still working on refining the questions. Candidates will be given a written copy of the questions prior to the debate and will have two minutes to respond. Budget, roads, school security, mental health, auto insurance, part-time legislature, electric rates, medicaid, opioids are the topic questions with final selections and wording still under discussion. A straw poll will be taken after the debate. Randy showed the program being printed by Jack Bodis in Central Lake and members are encouraged to promote the booklet as this whole event is a 100% fundraiser. All ads have to be submitted by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Randy also discussed the polo shirts being purchased for the event. Barb Bradford has volunteered to help put together the parting gifts at the event.

Randy spoke about reviving the parade wagon and is asking for a schedule of parades and fairs that we could participate in. Email Randy by June 2<sup>nd</sup> with event dates for Antrim County events.

Please pay your dues online and get delegate forms into the county clerk by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Guest Speaker was Haider Kazim attorney from Traverse City who is running for the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court. He gave an eyeopening presentation of the court system and why he is running. He stated that he believes the people deserve good judges who apply the law as written by the legislature, not interpret it.

Jim gave a talk about the Sportsman Banquet and Congressman Bergman won the ten man shoot at the Chain-O-Lakes Sportsman Club which is, ironically, owned by a Democrat. A future fundraiser for Jack will be held at Richard Davis range in Central Lake.

Next meeting is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion to adjourn Barb Bradford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Bargy at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherie Hogan, secretary