

ACRP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 **Place:** Forest Home Twp Hall

At 7:38 pm Chairman Randy Bishop opened the meeting and led the pledge followed by the invocation given by Jim Gurr. Big attendance including one guest, Terry VanAlstine. VP Kim McMaster absent.

VP Jim Gurr announced his candidacy for the 37th, currently held by Wayne Schmidt and gave a brief synopsis of the Cheboygan County Lincoln Day dinner April 28 attended by 250 including Schmidt. Discussion was about the party being about power and politics not policies that benefit 'we the people'. As a reminder Schmidt authored the bill that was voted down 80/20 by Michigan taxpayers and then reintroduced the bill and championed it's passage in the Senate that increased gas taxes and registration fees in direct violation of the voters overwhelming referendum. Schmidt also has refused to reform our car insurance rates and rising energy rates. Jim mentioned that the Establishment is less than pleased with his primarying Schmidt. Randy elaborated about Randy's run against Howard Walker. Randy was also pleased to announce that ZERO Democrats will be running for any county commissioner seat in Antrim County. Tuesday, Aug 7th is election day with absentee ballots going out on Fri, June 29th.

Treasurer Report: Gregg Valerio, motion to approve B. Bradford, 2nd D. Lavanway

Secretary Report: Cherie Hogan, motion to approve D. Lavanway 2nd V. Bishop

Randy announced a date change for the debate to July 12. Att General Schuette had arranged for a televised debate in Detroit on our original date as he doesn't want to debate the others and doesn't like us, however, It gov Brian Calley has donated the 5'2" cardboard cutout of Schuette to our event should he not attend. Straw pole to follow. Other debates are May 9 in Gr Rapids and May 31st on Mackinaw Island (the latter including the Dems Shri, Saed, Witmer). Randy showed the link for our event and is inviting Republicans from 14 different county parties to attend. Vicki has flyers to promote our event. Apparently, there has been some trouble for Colbeck who pointed out that the Dem challenger for governor has ties to CARE, but instead the controversy has backfired and is good for Colbeck. Randy asked if we should ask our candidates if they were pro Muslim Brotherhood, answer 'no'.

Randy showed the video of Pres. Trump in Washington Twp. Vicki stated that Pres Trump landed at Selfridge and had Congressman Bergman, Paul Mitchell from Macomb County and John Moolenaar ride with him to the event asking them to tell him everything about Michigan. Pres Trump went on to mention the Poe Lock and improvements to the Soo Locks in his speech later that evening.

Parade dates; June 2-Bass Fest Mancelona, July 4-Central Lake, Alden Days-July 28, E.Rapids Arbor days-Aug 1-4. Volunteers are needed to help out at these events. Very important election year!!!!

Randy has a total of 96 delegate positions to fill. Deadline to get delegate forms in is 4pm May 8th. Aug 7 is the primary, Aug 16 is the County Convention and Aug 25 is the State Convention.

There are six ballot proposals driven by angry Dems in to get out the vote. Legalizing pot, repeal prevailing wage, redistricting by voters not politicians, so far. It would be tragic if Democrat Jocelyn Benson, a progressive, was to win Sec of State and gain control of voter id. Get involved please!!!

Next meeting is Monday May 21st. Motion at 8:44 pm to adjourn B. Bradford, 2nd V. Bishop.

Respectfully submitted, Cherie Hogan, secretary

