

## ACRP MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday, June 18, 2018 **Place:** Forest Home Township Hall

At 7:30pm Chairman Randy Bishop opened the meeting with the pledge followed by the invocation given by Christian Marcus with a shout-out to Bryan Smith who was in the bathroom. Big attendance including Nicolas Wilcox from the Elk Rapids TARS group and 1<sup>st</sup> District rep John Wells.

Treasurer Report: Gregg Valerio, motion to approve Brad Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Niepoth, all approved.  
Secretary Report: Cherie Hogan, motion to approve Triston Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Stillings, all approved.

Jim Gurr questioned how to buy debate tickets for a table of ten and Randy explained. July 5<sup>th</sup> is the ad deadline, July 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day to buy dinner tickets. The ACRP is hosting a table of ten for the TARS group and Nicolas reported 8 attending so far. He reported that overall the Elk Rapids administration was supportive and that his TARS group had patterned themselves after the national group. About 20 teens attend meetings off and on. John Wells then spoke on how his job is to mentor and help throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> District which consists of 19 counties below the bridge. Great job to both!!!

Randy demonstrated how to share the debate event from the ACRP page to us oldsters.  
June 28<sup>th</sup> is the televised governor debate on Detroit Channel 4 at 7pm and we are encouraged to watch.

Our debate committee has narrowed the debate questions down and the audience agreed to not waste valuable time asking questions but to just name the topic and let the candidate run with it. Dave Agema has agreed to be both the timekeeper and palliamentarian. Straw poll to follow and results to be released to the news stations and various social media sites.

Triston spoke on PA 51 and how the money is divided up between counties, cities and state for road repairs and that there isn't enough of it. Randy also commented on this.

Randy asked if anyone knew people that could help with a TARS group in Mancelona and Bellaire.  
Triston to contact Tony Cutler who teaches in Mancelona.

Randy feels that Debbie Stabenow is vulnerable because she voted against the tax cuts and she will vote against the wall and daca. John Yob is running John James campaign and Bob Young just joined the advisory board. If James is elected this represents a great opportunity to expand our party.

Stacy Cole asked for flyers so that she can approach local churches and tell them about our debate. June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Republican National Day of Action. We will be out knocking on doors for our candidates and Triston demonstrated how to do this efficiently. Our Vice-Chair Jim Gurr is primary challenging Senator Wayne Schmidt who voted in favor of higher gas taxes, registration fees, and energy taxes. Go to [jamesgurr.com](http://jamesgurr.com) for more information.

Our next meeting is Monday July 16th. R.K. Barton moved and Rob Bargy 2nd to adjourn at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherie Hogan, secretary