

ANTRIM COUNTY CONSERVATIVE UNION MEETING NOTES

Date: Monday March 18, **Place:** Forest Home Twp Hall, **Time:** 7:30pm

Chairman Randy Bishop opened the meeting at 7:35 with the pledge. Invocation given by Christian Marcus. Attendance was excellent with several new faces in the audience. Mark Peters from Boyne City, a business owner, plans on setting up a Conservative Union in Charlevoix County. Two County Commissioners were in attendance and several elected and elevated delegates as well as several Antrim County business owners. Several new members paid their dues.

Treasurer report given by Gregg Valerio. Motion to accept Barb Bradford, 2nd, John Sumner, approved.

Randy explained the philosophy of the ACCU, showed the ACCU flyer to pass out to interested parties, went through the finances and explained the return of a contribution, which Christian voiced an objection to, and Randy explained further the conflict of interest concerns. Gregg Valerio then read a statement to the group detailing transition problems concerning financial statements not filed with the State by the new ACRP board. Gregg resigned as ACRP treasurer on November 19, 2018. The paperwork in question was supposed to be filed in January 2019 which the new board did not do. Christian Marcus was asked to give Gregg's statement to the new ACRP board at their next meeting.

Randy read the secretary report. Two corrections noted. Motion to accept Vicki Bishop, 2nd Mike Lockman. All approved. Minutes will be posted at aconservatives.org.

Randy explained that the ACCU is a social education club. We will be looking for candidates at all levels to fill key positions in the Republican Party. All are welcome, Tea Party, Independent, education being the key. Randy will have training in the future. The ACCU is affiliated with Norm Hughes group, Michigan Conservative Union (MCU) and ACU, Matt & Mercedes Schlapp's group. So far, 31 counties are in the process of setting up Conservative Unions.

Discussion on the 'We Build the Wall' event which several of us attended. Randy gave a Candidate Field Report from training that he and Ken Borton attended. Very intense but very valuable. Randy spent hours setting up the ability for the ACCU to do political ads on Facebook.

Randy wrote letters to the editors of the Antrim Review and the Elk Rapids press objecting to Whitmer's budget. Elk Rapids editor ignored the letter which prompted Randy to investigate starting a newspaper in Elk Rapids. Brief discussion on name and encouragement from a local to do so.

Randy discussed all the ploys being floated to disrupt the system including 16 year olds voting, and the new Democrat Sec of State in Michigan registering college age voters, played a short clip of Robert Reich touting National Popular Vote or NPV, which Triston Cole sponsored after his trip to Hawaii, and explained how close the politicians are to getting the necessary states to sign on which means 24 cities, all Democrat controlled, would elect the President in perpetuity. Also, discussed the idea of electors in Michigan being assigned by Congressional District as opposed to winner take all. Encouraged us to vote early absentee ballot so we can be poll challengers especially in Wayne County.

President Trump rally in Gr. Rapids on Thursday, March 28. April 26 & 27th is Norm Hughes MIPAC in Holt. NEXT MEETING OF ACCU is Monday April 15. Motion to adjourn 9:15 Barb 2nd Gregg.

Respectfully submitted, Cherie Hogan, Secretary