

ANTRIM COUNTY CONSERVATIVE UNION MEETING NOTES

Date: Monday April 15, 2019 Forest Home Township Hall 7:30 pm

Chairman Randy Bishop opened the meeting at 7:37 pm with the pledge and invocation. Treasurer Report-Gregg Valerio Motion to accept, Barb Bradford 2nd Rob Bary, all approved. Secretary Report- Cherie Hogan Motion to approve, Jon Sommer 2nd Gregg Valerio all approved. Great attendance with five new faces in the audience including an ex-Democrat. Randy explained that the ACCU is a 501C-4 non-profit tax exempt organization and is listed as a social education club that does not have to reveal donors. Annual dues are \$250 a year and can be paid monthly. Funding is through donations. Randy demonstrated how to use the ACCU website.

Randy showed off the first edition of the Antrim County Times. 10,000 were printed and 7300 were distributed through Weeklies throughout Antrim County. Randy designed the paper from the name, font, size, articles and met with Mircs News Service to secure permission to reprint their articles. Randy also personally contacted merchants around Antrim County and placed newspapers in businesses offering free papers to get people interested in reading and then subscribing for only \$10 per year. He is also offering advertising at half of what other newspapers are. He received bargain rates from the printer and Weeklies to get the Antrim County Times to the public. You may send letters to the editor at antrimcountytimes@gmail.com under 200 words. The ACCU is the only political group to ever produce a public newspaper and other Conservative Unions are asking for advice on how they can start their own. Everyone was encouraged to take a few to pass out to friends to help get the word out. Family Fare in Mancelona already requested more copies as they ran out of the original 100 Randy had left for them. Barb Bradford suggested that the ACCU have hats and shirts for it's members and Laura Bogdan suggested putting Melania Trump on the cover of the Antrim County Times because it would be the first and only newspaper to do so and Mark peters suggested sending a copy to the White House.

Randy attended the Charlie Kirk/Candace Owens Campus Clash event at MSU. Told us about David White PureFlix Christian movie subscription service and how he got started and that he is the producer of the new anti-abortion movie "Unplanned" and how well it's doing at the box office. Spoke about the Livingston Republican Womens Event and how much they made and let us know he is still working on a fundraiser for the ACCU, possibly tapping Cory Lewandowski when his new book comes out in the fall. We need people to come to our event, join, because every dollar helps getting out voter guides!!

Randy gave a rundown on who will be potential candidates in the future including Jason Allen, Tony Cutler, Paul Chatfield, and Ken Borton. President of MAC and County Commissioner. Randy is going to Lansing on the 23rd to work on the heart-beat bill with Lee Chatfield and Mike Shirkey which Whitmer will veto. He will also reach out to Triston Cole about a future meet and greet.

Norm Hughes MiPac event is April 26 & 27 in Holt. There are now over 40 counties in the state with Conservative Unions now the newest being in Sault Ste Marie started by Mel Greenfield.

September 30, Whitmer may shut down the government over the gas tax. American Freedom Law Center (William Wagner) has joined in the lawsuit and is suing Dana Nessel personally over her policy to target groups based on their political views. Motion to adjourn Jon Sommer 2nd Dina Sommer 8:57.

Next Meeting May 20. Respectfully submitted, Cherie Hogan