



Saginaw County Republican Party
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023

Call to Order

- a. Chairman Curt Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Prayer

Led by Duane Riha

Pledge of Allegiance/Preamble

Led by Kerry King

Committee Reports

- a. Were omitted to allow sufficient time for our guest speaker.

Golf Scramble Fundraiser at Green Acres Golf Course Update

- a. Gary Ell Vice Chairman stated our initial goal was \$7,000 – \$9,000 and we raised around \$9,400 from the event. Funds will be used this fall to open a Saginaw County Republican Party office.

Legislative Reporting

- a. Tony deBari read the Statement of Support of our Constitution and Resolution.
- b. Debra Ell stated that this Resolution was just voted on and passed in our Executive Committee meeting.
 - i. Debra Ell encouraged everyone to sign the Resolution.
 - ii. This Resolution will be sent to our Commissioners and Legislators.

Events and Candidate/Delegate Recruitment – Debra Ell

1. If there are any needs for prayers, see Duane and Kathy Riha of the Pray and Care Committee.

2. We are looking for 2024 candidates for Commissioner seats.
 - a. There are city, township, and county seats.
 - b. State senate, state representative and school board seats.
 - c. Please let us know.
3. Watch Party is August 23, 2023, at Green Acres Golf Course in Bridgeport at 7:00 p.m.
4. Our next couple fall meetings will be precinct delegates round up for 2024. We will have notaries available.
5. MIGOP Conference is still at the early pricing.
 - a. Go on the MIGOP Website for more information on the Mackinac conference.
 - b. One special night is a Gala with Kari Lake.
6. On September 14, 2023, at Gideon Christ Church, we have Meghan Reckling talking about absentee and early voting.
7. Right to Life Banquet at the Horizons Conference Center on September 18, 2023. Talk to Martha Avina for further event details.
8. Pray for America Retreat on Black Lake is October 12-14, 2023, featuring Michael Moore.
9. Senator Kevin Daley will be our guest speaker for the November meeting.
10. December will be our Eisenhower Era Gala.

Our guest speaker is Shawn Shutt – Speaker introduced (Shawn Shutt is using a Power Point)

1. An introduction clip was shown from TV5 for the Genesee County initiative G.H.O.S.T.
2. Shawn Shutt is a representative from Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force.
3. In 2012, the Underground Railroad developed the Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force I collaboration with the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force.
4. The task force is made up of social service agencies, law enforcement, religious-based groups, and community activists dedicated to preventing human trafficking in Mid-Michigan and the surrounding communities.
5. They provide training and education.
6. The goals of the Task Force are to enhance community awareness and understanding of the dynamics of human trafficking, and to develop responses to rescue and restore survivors of trafficking.
7. Please refer to video recording for full content.

Adjournment

- a. Chairman Curt Tucker adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.



STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF OUR U.S. CONSTITUTION and AGAINST ELECTION INTERFERENCE BY A TWO-TIER JUSTICE SYSTEM

Two sets of laws now operate in an increasingly unrecognizable America.

The Democrats in America have weaponized the legal system for their political gain while ignoring the current Administration's faults and deficiencies. Out of pathological hatred or fear of Donald Trump, the Left has crafted one set of laws for themselves, and another for all other Americans. They smugly believe their own moral superiority grants them such a right to apply laws unequally—or to ignore them altogether.

To retain power at all cost, and to destroy a political rival, leftwing Democrats are systematically dismantling the constitutional foundations of the United States as we once knew them. The January 6 indictment contends that Trump's election challenges were a crime. His indictments and those of the 16 Michigan Trump electors are designed to intimidate any Republicans who might seek to challenge the outcome of the 2024 presidential election. Democrats are criminalizing political opposition before and after the upcoming election.

In our DOJ's pursuit of President Trump, they detail his speech on Jan. 6, 2021, before the riot while omitting the line where Trump told his supporters to go to the U.S. Capitol to "peacefully" protest the certification. While the indictment acknowledges that candidates are allowed to make false statements, Democrats have led the DOJ to proceed to charge Trump for making "knowingly false statements that create an intense national atmosphere of mistrust and anger, and erode public faith in the administration of the election."

Our U.S. Constitution protects our speech, whether we agree with it or not, and whether it is true or not. Citing U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *U.S. vs Alvarez* in 2012 against a politician who lied about receiving the Medal of Honor: "*The Nation well knows that one of the costs of the First Amendment is that it protects the speech we detest as well as the speech we embrace. Though few might find respondent's statements anything but contemptible, his right to make those statements is protected by the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech and expression. The Stolen Valor Act infringes upon speech protected by the First Amendment.*"

In charging President Trump in this way it sets up the dangerous Constitutional precedent of giving the government the power to determine what's true and what isn't and remove political opponents.

Be it Resolved, We the SCRCP stand with our U.S. Constitution which protects the 1st Amendment rights of President Trump, the 16 Michigan Republican alternate 2020 electors, and all American citizens. If Democrats and our DOJ can succeed in this effort against President Trump and in silencing any citizen who challenges an election, America has a Constitutional crisis.

We urge all Republicans and especially our elected legislators to speak out against the Democrat's unconstitutional efforts to interfere in our 2024 election.

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