

Informational Meeting Covers History and Plans for the Future

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The Constitution Party was founded by Howard Phillips of Vienna, Virginia in 1992. Paul Provance, current Treasurer of the Constitution Party of Virginia explained the history and current status of the Constitution Party and the Constitution Party of Virginia at a small gathering at the Burke Centre Library. Originally called the Tax Payers Party, the name was changed to the Constitution Party in 1999. The Virginia affiliate, the Constitution Party of Virginia was operated out of the office of the Conservative Caucus Foundation, a political action organization founded by Howard Phillips, located in Vienna, Virginia. Following the death of Howard Phillips the state party was dissolved in April 2015, then reestablished by John Bloom and Paul Provance in 2017. The Constitution Party of Virginia does not currently have a platform, but it supports the National Constitution Party which is Pro-life, Pro-family, for limited government, for originalist interpretation of the Constitution, Pro-free enterprise, for limited immigration, and Pro-right-to-bear arms. Annabeth Goss, Fifth Congressional District Representative to the state party, gave a talk on the proper role of government as established by the U.S. Constitution. Chairman John Bloom addressed the meeting, encouraging those in attendance to run for the Virginia General Assembly, noting that candidates for many of the seats run unopposed. Time is limited to file the necessary paperwork and obtain signatures to get on the ballot.