Moore addresses Antrim

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CENTRAL LAKE — The regular monthly meeting of the Antrim County Women Democrats wasn’t so regular.

But neither was the speaker.

More than 200 people came out to see Michael Moore speak at the Pelican Room last Wednesday night, May 14.

Though Moore, the controversial filmmaker of some of the top grossing documentaries ever recorded, is known for being a liberal, people of all walks and viewpoints came out to hear him last week.

“In this room we have people who support Senator (Hillary) Clinton, people who support Senator (Barack) Obama, we have individuals who haven’t made up their minds and we have some Republicans,” Moore said.

Moore said he doesn’t believe Clinton should pull out of the race, and doesn’t think the long race is bad for the Democratic Party or the country.

“I think it’s what democracy looks like,” he said. “Democracy is messy.”

He also said this election year has shown, “how much people love this country and how desperate they feel about their future.”

Besides the Democratic presidential primary race, Moore touched on the race for the 105th district (which he dubbed the “fighting 105th”) and his tongue in cheek announcement for his presidential bid in 2016.

He outlined 12 points that he would run on, including arresting anyone trying to make a profit on health care, bringing back the draft only for the children of those who make more than $250,000 (so that lawmakers would be very sure before sending troops to war) and welcoming immigrants.

He also said he would ban high fructose corn syrup and commercials before movies.

Though Moore travels frequently for his work as a filmmaker, he considers home to be Antrim County where he lives on Torch Lake Drive with his wife.

He said he appreciated the short commute to speak Wednesday night.

“I don’t think the rest of my life there’ll ever be a shorter distance I have to travel to speak,” Moore joked.

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