

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of June 5, 2014

Lake County Tax Services Office, 1210 S. Main Lakeport

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chair Curry. Roll Call was taken by the Chair as Secretary. Quitquit was absent. Member Judy Conard appointed as acting Secretary. Chair will transcribe the minutes.

Voting Members Present: District 1: R. Green, W. Harris; District 2: S. Howland, B. Manners; District 3: J. Evans, L. Rigod; District 4: M. Harris; District 5: B. Curry, A. Estuoki, H. Luia; Club Rep (LCDC): P. Mune; Ex-Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Yamada); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Voting Members Absent: District 2: Baron (u), Riley (x); District 3: W. Quitquit (u); District 4: L. Acosta (u); Ex-Officio Alternates: S. Grayhorse (Thompson) (x); Club Rep (LCSDC) Essie Coons (x); (x =excused, u= unexcused)

Associate Members Present: Gary Foote; Mary Heare-Amodio; Sorhna Jordan; Tom Jordan; Jane McKnight; Daniel McLean; Linda Peralta-Conway; Geri Reisen; John Sheehy

Guests: Virginia Cerenio

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was amended to add under New Business a discussion of opening a United Democratic Campaign headquarters (UDC) for the fall campaign.

Approval of March 13, 2014 Minutes: May 3 minutes not available due to Secretary Quitquit's absence. May & June minutes will be approved at the July 3 regular meeting.

Public Comment: Associate Member Jordan, Candidate for Lake County Assessor/Recorder thanked the Committee for their endorsement and financial support. She is hopeful that the race will go into a fall runoff once the final absentee and provisional ballots are counted.

Legislator's Reports

Congress Member Mike Thompson – No report.

Congress Member John Garamendi – Alternate Swetnam reported on the Congressman's Annual Woman of the Year award for CD 3. Names need to be submitted by August 1, 2014 for panel review. **Motion:** Member W. Harris – Submit District 3 BOS member Denise Rushing's

name for consideration. **M/S/A.** Ad Hoc Committee appointed to complete the application – J. Swetnam (lead) Assoc Member Jordan; Member Curry.
Senator Noreen Evans – No report.

Assembly Member Yamada – Alternate Conard gave a report – see website.

Club Reports

Lake County Democratic Club: Club Rep. Mune reported on the May 13 meeting. Speakers were County Supervisorial candidates Joyce Overton D2; John Brosnan, Mark Currier D3; County Assessor/Recorder candidate Sorhna Jordan. The Club donated to the campaigns of Herb Gura (D3 Supervisor). The club endorsed and donated to the campaigns of Sorhna Jordan (Assessor/Recorder) Frank Rivero (Sheriff). The club endorsed and donated to Lake County Measure L (Healthy Lake Tax). The club voted to expend funds for 1/3 of the cost of a storage unit in Lakeport. Volunteer signups for the Annual BBQ. The club will host a booth at the annual Lower Lake Days event on May 25. The club has 90 paid members. New email for the club is lakecodemclub@gmail.com. Upcoming guests will be SD 2 candidate Mike McGuire (July 8) CDP Region 2 Director Craig Cheslog (August 12) Next meeting is June 10 @6pm in Lower Lake.

Stonewall Club: No report. Next meeting is Monday, June 23, 2014 at United Methodist Church, Clearlake Oaks. Potluck at 6:30; meeting starts at 7 pm.

Officer's Report:

Chair: Chair circulated a thank you letter from Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, thanking the Committee for endorsing the “Justify Rates” ballot initiative for the November 2014 election. Circulated invitation to the opening of the newly purchased and renovated California Democratic Party headquarters, June 16 at 11am 1830 9th St. in Sacramento. Thanked Member Luia for taking on the task of membership correspondence and data base/roster upkeep. Chair will attend the CDP pre Executive Board, Region 2 meeting in Napa on June 7. Chair will attend the CDP Executive Board meeting July 11-13 in Oakland. Chair has been contacted by the campaign to oppose the November ballot initiative the “Patient Protection Act”, to send a speaker. Will confirm for July 3 meeting. Chair asked Member Esutoki to report on website. He reported that the site received around 25,000 hits during the April 24 – May 22 time frame. Member Esutoki will attend a CDC (California Democratic Council) training on Word Press and website development in Fresno on June 21. He has been asked to host regional website training in our area. He has plans to do this.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Treasurer Evans reported **receipts** of \$45.00 in dues. **Expenditures** of \$500. 00 for the storage unit, \$69.00 for office supplies, \$5.40 re imbursement for the Ravioli Feed Dessert Auction posters, \$375.00 for the county fair booth and \$121.17 reimbursement for the Spring Candidate event . The Spring Candidate event netted \$340.83. **Balance on hand is \$4,469.98.**

Standing Committee Reports

Election: Chair reported Lake County had a 28% turnout in the June Primary. State average was 18%. Endorsed Candidate for D2, Jeri Spittler will likely be in the November runoff once the final Lake County ballot tallies are reported to California Secretary of State on July 3. November local elections will include Clearlake and Lakeport City Council races, Konocti and Middletown School Boards. The AD 4 November runoff will be Democrat Bill Dodd vs. Republican Charles Schoepp. At this time there are 3000 outstanding provisional and election day walk in vote by mail ballots to be verified and counted. A discussion of D3 Supervisor race included candidate John Brosnan who is in the November runoff, and is a Democrat. Brosnan was asked, but did not respond, to the Election committee's invitation to be considered for endorsement in the June Primary. The committee cannot endorse/support non-Democrats. A public audit, hand count, of the primary ballots will be held at the Lake County Registrar of Voters office on June 17. Random precincts will be selected for the audit. The process is open to the public.

Finance: Treasurer Evans reported dues received from two new members. The committee now has 38 new members toward the goal of 50 new members by July 30, 2014.

Voter Registration: Stonewall Democrats will host the voter registration/information booth at the City of Clearlake's Independence Day celebration on July 5 in Clearlake. Lake County Democratic Club Chair, Member Esutoki reported on the May 25 Lower Lake Days booth. He thanked Member Howland for organizing the booth and the volunteers. AD 4 candidate Dan Wolk and SD 2 candidate Mike McGuire attended the booth. Chair has CDP registered Voter Registration forms for members to use as they register Democrats.

Issues: No report

On Going Business

Storage Space: Paid for, padlock and keys purchased. Club chairs and Members Coons (Stonewall Dems) and Esutoki (Lake Dem Club) and the DCC Chair will have keys. Moving date to be determined. Both clubs will pay for one third of the annual rental cost. Member W. Harris has tablecloths for storage.

Lake County Fair (August 28-31): Member Grayhorse will no longer lead the Ad Hoc Fair Subcommittee. The Chair will assume the responsibility. Volunteer signup sheet circulated. No more than three volunteers per three hour shift. Email announcement for volunteers via Dem email will go out at the end of June.

Annual BBQ: Sunday, October 5 (2pm-5pm) , Clearlake Senior Center. Tony Spittler has volunteered to assist Associate Member East with the meat barbecue. Member Mune reported

that she and Member Quitiquit are working with Deb Clarke to provide the side dishes. Budget for this item is \$300.00. The Chair gave sponsor checks from Mendo, Lake, Napa, Sonoma Building Trades Council and the North Bay Labor Council to the Treasurer. Union donations confirmed from Teamster's Local 665 and CTA. Member Mune will recruit CTA attendees. Associate Member Popovich has agreed once again to do the flyer/invite art. No Master of Ceremonies selected yet. In kind donor forms for the Silent Auction were distributed. Each donation must be accompanied with a form. Associate Members Norm and Celesta Deter, who are once again organizing the Silent Auction, will attend the August 7 regular DCC meeting to outline the process for the Silent Auction and when they will pick up/receive donated items.

New Business:

United Democratic Campaign Headquarters: \$1000.00 is budgeted for this item. Members were asked to submit suggestions for space offline to the Chair via email. Target open dates around Labor Day through early November.

Additional New Business/Discussion: Membership for D2 Voting seats. There are four voting seats in this District. All four seats are filled. Each of those voting seat needs an alternate.

Additional New Business: Motion: Member Howland moved that the regular meeting start time be moved to 7pm. **M/S/F. Motion:** by Member Rigod to change the meeting start time to 6:30pm. **M/S/F.** Regular meeting start times remain at 6pm.

Announcements: Treasurer Evans – Second Sunday Cinema “Searching for Sugarman” Sunday June 8, Clearlake Methodist Church, Clearlake at 6pm.

Next meeting Thursday July 3, 6pm Lower Lake Methodist Church.

Adjourned

Signed:



Rebecca L. Curry, Chair