

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of July 3, 2014

Methodist Church, 16255 Second St, Lower Lake

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll Call was taken by the Chair as Secretary. Quitquit was absent. Associate Member Carlene Leskar appointed as acting Secretary.

Voting Members Present: District 1: R. Green; W. Harris; District 2: L. Baron; S. Howland; H. Riley; District 3: J. Evans; Louis Rigod; District 4: M. Harris; District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki; Club Rep (LCDCC) P. Mune; Club Rep. (LCSDC) E. Coons; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Yamada); S. Grayhorse (Thompson); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Voting Members Absent: District 2: B. Manners (x); District 3: W. Quitquit (u); District 4: L. Acosta (u); District 5: H. Luia(u)

Associate Members Present: S. Dunn; R. East; T. Harty; C. Leskar; D. McLean; J. Sheehy; J. Spittler

Guests: Victor Christy – No on Proposition 46; Mark & Diana Prichard (Alameda County Democrats guests of Joy Swetnam)

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was amended to add under Voter Registration Power to the Youth in Austin Park Aug. 2nd.

Approval of June 5, 2014 Minutes: May 3 minutes not available due to Secretary Quitquit's absence.

Public Comment: Associate Member Jeri Spittler, candidate for Board of Supervisors District 2, thanked the Committee for its support. She has acquired a campaign headquarters in Clearlake in the former Happy Chef restaurant across from the Lamplighter Motel. It has been donated to be used until November.

Primary - District 2 Board of Supervisors results: Jeff Smith ≈ 43%; Jeri Spittler ≈ 29%.

Independence Day parade in Clearlake, Sat. July 5th @ 11 a.m. Jeri Spittler's campaign will walk behind Mike McGuire. If you want to walk in the parade, be there at 10:30.

Guest Speaker: Victor Christy spoke on Proposition 46: “Patients and Providers to Protect Access and Contain Health Costs.” Prop 46 is considered to be flawed, principally because it combines three elements into one initiative: 1) mandates drug testing for physicians, 2) changes MICRA (Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act) to increase the cap on pain and suffering from \$250, 000 to \$1.1 million, 3) mandates use of CURES (Controlled substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System), which is a government-run database with no privacy protection for patients. Mr. Christy requests that DCC take an opposition position. Chair said that when the E-Board meets in July it will vote on which position the Democratic Party will take. In addition LCDCC’s Issues Committee will consider the Proposition.

Legislators’ Reports

Congress Member Mike Thompson – Sunol Grayhorse reported that Congr. Thompson testified in support of transferring management of Lake Berryessa from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in order to provide better management of recreation. Congr. Thompson announced a \$376,423 grant to Mendocino-Lake Community College. The Congressman calls on the House Majority to bring the Respect for Marriage Act up for a vote. Complete report on the website.

Congress Member John Garamendi – Joy Swetnam gave the report on Congressman John Garamendi. He is hosting a Social Services Fair from 10 – 3 on Aug. 4th at the Moose Club. He will be in attendance from 11:30 - 1:30 to present a program on Women’s Initiatives. Complete report will be on the website.

Assembly Member Yamada – Judy Conard reported on Mariko Yamada. For the next few weeks we may see more of Assemblywoman Yamada in her districts since the legislature has begun their summer break. Her water bond failed; however, five bills of hers are still alive, including a bill calling for a low-income water rate assistance program. These bills will be considered when the Legislature reconvenes on Aug. 4th. Complete report on the website.

Club Reports

Lake County Democratic Club: Club Secretary Carlene Leskar gave the June 10th LCDC report. The Club met on June 10 in Lower Lake. Chair Esutoki will be working with the CDC (California Democratic Council of Clubs) as a tech resource for websites provided by the CDC to Democratic organizations around the state. He attended the CDP Region 2 meeting. Vice Chair East announced that SD 2 Candidate Mike McGuire would be the club’s guest at the July 8 meeting. Club Balance on Hand is \$7,798.00. Chair is working on filling the club subcommittees. County Fair shift sign ups circulated. Announcement of progress on securing a United Democratic Campaign Headquarters. Next meeting July 8 at 6pm at the club’s new meeting venue, the Lower Lake Methodist Church Community Room.

Stonewall Club: Club Chair Essie Coons gave the June 23rd Stonewall report. June was designated LGBT Pride month. Club will staff a voter registration booth at the Clearlake Independence Day celebration on Sat. July 5th. Club voted to resume having monthly meetings.

Next meeting will be July 28th at the Clearlake Oaks United Methodist Church; 6:30 potluck, 7:00 meeting. Thanks to Jeri Spittler for the flag flying in front of City Hall.

Officer's Reports:

Chair: Chair had a handout showing the open seats in LCDCC for voting members. Chair attended the CDP Region 2 meeting on June 7th and will attend the E-Board July 11-13. CADEM 2014 will be printing LCDCC slate mailers this year and will provide a voter database free of charge. Members were urged to support CADEM 2014. Jeri Spittler will share her campaign headquarters so there will now be a Democratic Campaign Headquarters in South County.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: James Evans reported the DCC has a balance on hand of \$4,377.

Standing Committee Reports

Election: Chair reported that two of the candidates endorsed by LCDCC made it through the primaries: Jeri Spittler and Sorhna Jordan. There are several school board openings for Nov: Konocti Unified has three seats, Middletown has two seats. Nelson Strasser will have more on the mobile home park rent control initiative.

Finance: Treasurer reported that we did not receive any dues in June. We have 38 new members – 12 short of our goal of 50 new members by July 30, 2014. The Finance Committee will revise the goal for the next year.

Issues: Shirley Howland reported that Issues Committee was asked for a position on the amended AB 2145. Sierra Club opposes this bill which virtually takes away the ability for communities to build their own greener, lower-priced electricity. Member Howland distributed a handout written by Californians for Energy Choice containing their opposition stance. Becky Curry will find out what Senator Noreen Evans' position is on this bill.

Voter Registration: If anyone registers a Democrat, Chair asks that you make her a copy before mailing in the form. We receive a small stipend for all Democrats we register. Power to the Youth will be in Austin Park on Aug. 2nd. Stonewall Club has been contacted to staff a voter registration booth.

On Going Business

Lake County Fair (August 28-31): Still need more volunteers to staff voter registration booth; Chair passed around sign-up sheet. Louis Rigod is in charge of getting tickets to all volunteers. Will need someone to set up. If we get our logo glasses by them, we may sell at the booth.

Annual BBQ: Sunday, October 5 (2pm-5pm) , Clearlake Senior Center: Chair has engaged Craig Cheslog as emcee. Betty Yee will be speaking. This could become a problem if Assemblyman John Perez demands a recount. If you have an item for the Silent Auction you will need an "In Kind Donor Form." Associate members Norm and Celesta Deter will be at the August DCC meeting to pick up auction items.

New Business:

Date Change of August meeting: Mike McGuire and Mariko Yamada will be hosting a Town Hall in Library Park the evening of Thursday, Aug. 7th. Chair would like to change our monthly meeting. Joy Swetnam moved that we change the Aug. meeting to Wed. Aug. 6 at the Lakeport location. Motion seconded and carried.

Funding for November CDP Slate Mail: Chair has ordered 3800 slate mailers to be mailed out to all absentee voters and all new voters by the middle of the absentee voting period. Cost estimate is \$1412. There is only \$1000 in the budget for mailers. James Evans moved that we move \$500 from the Candidates Fund (currently \$4000) to the Slate Mailer Fund to cover mailing expense. Motion seconded and carried.

Funding for United Democratic Campaign Headquarters: \$1000.00 is budgeted for this item. Chair has located an available space at 390 No. Main St. Lakeport for \$650/mo. plus utilities. Chair has received guaranteed donations of \$250 from Mike McGuire, \$1000 from Mike Thompson and a promise of a donation from John Garamendi. She will also contact Bill Dodd for a donation. James Evans moved that we transfer \$1500 from the Candidates' Fund to the General Fund in the event that additional funding for the headquarters is needed. Motion seconded and carried. This will leave \$2000 in the Candidates' Fund, and we generally give \$200 each to candidates. We will have Luisa Acosta's office as back up if needed.

Announcements:

Adckinjo announced that Stonewall's website is back up. He has designed a website for the Lake County Democratic Club. It presently has no content. Club member Gary Foote has agreed to be content manager.

Harold Riley invited someone to come on the air during his program sometime in Sept. to announce the Legislators' BBQ.

Next meeting **Wednesday, August 6th @ 6 p.m.** in Lakeport.

Adjourned

Signed:



Rebecca L. Curry, Chair