

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Chair Curry at 6 pm at the United Democratic Campaign office in Lakeport, CA.

Voting Members Present : District 1 – Ron Green, Anne Rubin; District 2 – Larry Baron, Shirley Howland, Bill Manners; District 3 – Louis Rigod, James Evans, Wanda Quitiquit, John Sheehy; District 4 – Tom Jordan; Moira Harris, Nelson Strasser.; District 5 – Becky Curry, Adckinjo Esutoki, Holly Luia.

Legislative Reps: Judy Conard, Sunol Grayhorse, Joy Swetnam. Club Reps: LCSDC - Essie Coons; LCDC - Paula Mune.

Alternate Members Present: Wendy White (D3 Evans)

Associate Members: John Brosnan, Wanda Harris, Luisa Acosta.

Guests: Lenny Mathews, Virginia Cerenio.

Voting Members Absent: District 2 – Riley (x)

Agenda was approved as amended (Resignation/Nomination of Luisa Acosta, moved to Ongoing Business) as she indicated she would be arriving late.

Discussion of use of campaign headquarters for candidates/campaigns added by Paula Mune

Minutes of September 4, 2014 were approved as amended.

Appointments:

MOTION was made by R. Green, and seconded, to approve the appointment of Anne Rubin, District 1; and Tom Jordan, District 4 to the Central Committee. **M/S/A**

Public Comments: None

Legislative Reports:

Congressman Mike Thompson – report was read by S. Grayhorse. Thompson will not attend the Annual BBQ, and he will donate a flag for the raffle and a wine basket for the silent auction. Report is on the website. Sunol announced that she will be leaving the area and will no longer serve as alternate to Thompson. She will rejoin as an associate member. Committee commended Sunol for her work and representation.

Congressman John Garamendi – J. Swetnam announced that Garamendi is holding a spaghetti dinner on October 7 in Yuba City. Report is on the website.

Senator Noreen Evans – B. Curry reported on bills introduced; Evans will attend the BBQ. Report is on the website.

Assemblymember Mariko Yamada – J. Conard gave a report, report is on the website; Yamada will attend the BBQ.

Club Reports:

Democratic Club: Paula reported on the September 9 meeting. Next meeting is October 14 in Lower Lake.

Stonewall Club: Essie announced that the September meeting was cancelled; next meeting is October 27 in Clearlake Oaks.

Officer Reports:

Chair: Becky attended the September 21 regional meeting in Martinez. The CDP is coordinating campaign telephone banking and a calendar will be forthcoming. Reminded members of the January election of six delegates to the annual convention; Craig Cheslog will hold regional elections. Reminder that the state and congressional delegations can appoint 6 delegates. Delegates are expected to attend the convention. Also, January 2015 committee officers are up for election.

Vice Chair: Adckinjo attended the regional meeting; website layout has been changed; he asked to continue to send reports by email.

Treasurer: James distributed the fiscal report; reported on the BBQ sponsor donations. Balance on hand is \$3,932.00.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance: Letters re membership went out to the people who attended the campaign office open house.

Issues: Ron summarized the Issue Committee reports on the September 17 and September 24 meetings. Copies of the reports were made available. Members were informed that any voting member may request that any item from the consent agenda can be pulled from the recommendations of the committee for discussion.

The Issue Committee met on September 17 and made its recommendation in a report to the Central Committee whether to endorse the county-wide ballot measures "O" the Medical Marijuana Control Act and "P", The Freedom to Garden Act. The committee's recommendation is Yes on "O" and No on "P."

The Issue Committee met on September 24 and made its recommendation on the county-wide ballot measures "S" Save the Lake; "R" City of Clearlake Sales Tax; and "T" Lakeport Unified School District.

The Issue Committee recommended a Yes vote on Measure S, a No vote on Measure R and to remain neutral on Measure T. The Issue Committee also recommended a \$500 donation to the Measure O and Measure S campaigns.

Measure T was pulled for discussion by Tom Jordan.

Vote on remaining Measures and donations : Yes – Baron;Conard;Coons; Curry;Evans;Grayhorse; Green;Harris; Howland;Luia;Manners;Quitiquit; Rigod; Sheehy; Strasser; Rubin; Swetnam; 16/ No – Mune; 1/Abstain: Esutoki; Jordan; 3 **M/S/A**

MOTION was made by B. Manners, and seconded, to accept the Elections Committee recommendation to remain neutral on measure "T" Lakeport Unified School District Bond. Vote: Yes – Baron; Conard; Coons; Curry; Strasser; Manners; Rigod; Sheehy;Howland; Harris; Grayhorse; Swetnam; Rubin; Green ; 14/ No – Jordan; Quitiquit; Mune; Luia 4/Abstain : Esutoki; Evans **M/S/A**

Elections: Members were informed that any voting member may request that any item from the consent agenda can be pulled from the recommendations of the committee for discussion.

The Elections Committee met on September 21 and made its recommendations in a report to the Central Committee on endorsement of candidates Bruno Sabatier, Clearlake City Council; Mireya Turner, Lakeport City Council; and John Brosnan, D3 Supervisor. The committee's recommendation is to endorse Bruno Sabatier and Mireya Turner; and no endorsement of John Brosnan. The Election Committee also recommended that a \$500.00 campaign contribution be given to Bruno Sabatier and Mireya Turner. The Election Committee also recommended a donation of \$250 each to the campaigns of previously endorsed candidates, Jeri Spittler and Sorhna Jordan.

It was requested by P. Mune to discuss candidate John Brosnan, D3 Supervisor.

The Central Committee voted unanimously to accept the remaining items on the Consent agenda. Endorse Bruno Sabatier, Clearlake City Council, and Mireya Turner, Lakeport City Council and the donations to candidates.

MOTION was made by W. Quitiquit, and seconded, that the Committee endorse John Brosnan, D3 Supervisor, as he is the only Democrat running for office in District 3. Vote:Yes Coons;Green; Manners;Mune; Quitiquit; Rigod; Sheehy;Esutoki – 8/ No Conard;Curry;Grayhorse;Harris;Howland;Luia;Rubin; Swetnam– 8; /Abstain – Evans; Jordan; Strasser; Baron 4/Candidates need to receive 55% of the vote to obtain endorsement. **Motion Failed.**

Voter Registration: The period to collect the incentives for registering voters closes on October 20. Registration to vote in the election also closes on October 20. A free GOTV ad was placed in the Penny Slaver.

Ongoing Business

UDC Office: Joy reminded members that they are expected to volunteer in the office, and Paula called members to place them on the list for volunteer hours. Some members are volunteering in Jeri Spittler's campaign office in Clearlake.

Annual BBQ: Becky reminded volunteers that she has the key to the senior center and for everyone to show up by noon for set up. Volunteers reminded of their duties, and of last minute matters that need to be handled.

New Business

Campaign assistance to endorsed campaigns: Candidates will be doing phone banking at the campaign office. This is a benefit for those who receive an endorsement. An issue arose when a member received an email invite by the group Emerald Unity ("O" campaign) to attend their event at the campaign office. The event was approved prior to measure "O" being endorsed by the Central Committee.

CDP 2014 Coordinated Campaign: Becky announced the dates and times for phone banking and for volunteers to bring their cell phones.

Resignations/Nomination

Member Acosta's change of residence from District 4 to District 5 per California State Election, Section 7214, constitutes an automatic resignation of her voting seat in District 4.

MOTION was made by J. Swetnam, and seconded, to nominate Luisa Acosta (formerly District 4) to District 5 (due to relocation) to the Lake County Democratic Central Committee. **M/S/A**
Member Esutoki addressed the expectations and requirements of attendance by voting members of this committee, to monthly committee meetings, as outlined in the Committee bylaws.

Alternate Member Wendy White reminded voting members to name an alternate; that the alternate must be a Democrat and live in the district.

Announcements were made and the meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Wanda A. Quitiquit
Secretary