

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of November 6, 2014
Methodist Church Social Hall, 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. Curry will act as Secretary.

Voting Members Present: District 1: R. Green; A. Rubin; District 2: L. Baron; S. Howland; W. Manners; H. Riley; District 3: L. Rigod; J. Sheehy; District 4: none present; District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki; H. Luia; Club Rep (LCDCC) P. Mune; Club Rep. (LCSDC)); Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Yamada);

Voting Members Absent: District 3: J. Evans (x) W. Quitquit (u); District 4: M Harris (u); Jordan (x) N. Strasser (x); Ex Officio Alternates: J. Swetnam (x); LCSDC Club: Essie Coons (x)

Alternate Members Present: District 3: W. White (Evans)

Associate Members Present: S. Dunn; R. East; C. Leskar; D. Smith

Guests: Virginia Cerenio

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was amended to add under New Business; Discussion of changing meeting time.

Approval of Oct 2, 2014 Minutes: Oct. 2, 2014 minutes not available due to Secretary Quitquit's absence.

Public Comment: none

Committee Appointments: Bill Manners will serve on the Standing Committee on Elections for District 2 and Tom Jordan will also serve on this committee as well, representing District 4.

D5 nominee for appointment, Luisa Acosta was not present; Chair received no communication regarding Acosta's attendance in order to be appointed to an open D5 seat. Nominees must be present to be appointed.

Legislators' Reports

Congress Member Mike Thompson – No report, Congress is not in session. Congressman Thompson will be appointing a new alternate to this committee. The Chair will be making recommendations. Send names of people who may be interested to the Chair. The alternate must live in CD 5

Congress Member John Garamendi – No report, Congress is not in session.

Assembly Member Yamada – Judy Conard reported for Mariko Yamada. The Assemblywoman thanked the DCC for her gift from the BBQ, she reported on her final Woodland open house, which was held on Oct 22. Her last day in office is November 30, with the final day of operations being November 26. She thanked Judy for being her alternate to the committee. The Assembly member's full report is on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org. The Chair is recommending that Judy continue as Assembly District member elect Dodd's alternate to this committee.

Motion: D2 Member Manners moved that the chair write a letter on behalf of the committee expressing our gratitude for the Assemblywoman's service to our County and extend an open invitation to visit Lake County whenever she can. **M/S/A.**

State Senator elect Mike McGuire: Associate member Tom Harty has expressed interest in serving as alternate for State Senate D2 elect Mike McGuire. The Chair will facilitate this appointment. Harty withdrew his nomination for one of the open D5 supervisorial district voting seats.

Club Reports

Lake County Democratic Club: Club representative Paula Mune reported. The Club met on Tuesday Oct 14, 2014. The club's guest speaker was Dustin Lee Wilson. Dustin is President of the Youth Board at Harbor on Main in Lower Lake and also Student Body Vice-President at Carle High School. He is very interested in setting up a Democratic Youth Club in Lake County. The Club Chair will follow up. The next club meeting is Tuesday November 11, 6:00 pm at the Lower Lake Methodist Church Social Hall. The guest will be Anne Rubin, Lake County Planned Parenthood.

Stonewall Club: Associate Member Scott Dunn, reported. The Stonewall Club met on Monday October 27. There was not a quorum to conduct business. The club will take a hiatus until January 26, 2015 at 7pm at the Clearlake Oaks United Methodist Church Social Hall.

Officer's Reports:

Chair: Chair reported on election turnout results. A press release from the Lake County Registrar of Voters was circulated. There are still 5,536 ballots to be processed. The registrar has 28 days from Election Day to complete the count and certify the results.

Turnout nationwide was abysmal. The Chair asked each person in the room to talk to people in their immediate circles and ask them why people don't vote. We will discuss the content of these conversations at a meeting in the future.

Chair thanked all the volunteers who participated in field work for our endorsed campaigns. Chair will attend an upcoming meeting with Victoria Brandon; Ed Robey; Dennis Darling and Ken Johnston, a union contractor, to discuss the ongoing WalMart expansion proposal.

Committee's executive board will meet in mid November to discuss 2015-2016 election cycle goals, strategies and procedures.

Officer elections will take place in January 2015 meeting. 2 year terms.

Chair will also be calling meetings of all Standing committees before the end of the year.

Will be attending CDP Exec Board Nov 14-16

Vice Chair: Vice Chair Esutoki reported on individual election results locally. Sabatier Clearlake City Council and Turner Lakeport City Council both endorsed candidates, both winning.

Endorsed ballot Measure S fell just short for a 3rd time on the local ballot. Vice Chair reported that he has collected several DEM 2014 memberships. The new Donate Every Month (DEM) program will start next year.

Will be attending CDP Exec Board Nov 14-16. County Chairs meeting; CDC Executive Board meeting; CDC regular meeting; All Executive Board Sessions and a CDC Website workshop on Sunday afternoon the 16th.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: In the Treasurer's absence the chair reported a balance on hand of \$5,535.57. Chair turned over several late BBQ donations and checks to John Sheehy, who will deliver them to the treasurer, totaling around \$1300.00.

All requests for reimbursements for BBQ expenses should be submitted by Nov. 30. The BBQ share to clubs will be distributed in December. No final numbers on the BBQ yet.

Standing Committee Reports

Elections: The Committee will be rewriting the endorsement process for member approval in time for the Nov. 2015 elections. There are several school board elections in Nov. of 2015: North Shore (Upper Lake High; Upper Lake Elem; Lucerne Elem) Lakeport USD; Kelseville USD.

Finance: Committee Member Luia is soliciting new members and following up when members join or renew. She is updating the excel file roster. Dues for 2015 are delinquent after Jan 31, 2015. If dues are not paid by that time, the voting member is ineligible to vote. Luia will need help sending out renewal letters for 2015. Paula Mune volunteered to help her with the mailing. Judy Conard will donate postage.

Issues: Lead Chair Green reported that Issues Committee was asked by member Strasser to write a letter to Obama regarding our concerns over the bombing of ISIS, Syria, and Iraq. Language of the letter will be written by Committee members Rigod & Curry, for full committee

approval at the December regular meeting. Language will be distributed with the meeting email announcement, November 26, one week before the December 4 meeting.

Voter Registration: Curry turned in copies of voter registration forms to the CDP for bounty reimbursement on Oct. 22, 2014. The 2014 bounty program cycle has closed. A new one will start for the 2016 cycle next year.

On Going Business

United Dem Campaign Office: Volunteers needed to dismantle the office and return our items to storage. Saturday Nov 8 at 10am. Paula Mune, Bill Manners, Anne Rubin, Ron Green, Joy Swetnam volunteered. Curry will return the keys to property manager Mary Benson. Chair is communicating with Assembly member elect Dodd and State Senator elect McGuire regarding a field office in Lakeport, located in this space. A field office cannot be used for partisan Committee meetings.

California Democratic Party Convention Delegates (DSCC): The 2015 CDP Convention will be held May 15-17 in Anaheim. The 2016 Convention will be in the spring (Date tba) in San Jose. DCC Vice Chair Esutoki is automatically a delegate to the DSCC because he is an officer with the CDC.

DSCC Delegates from the DCC will be elected at our January meeting. The DCC can elect 5 delegates. Delegates will be responsible for their own dues/registration/travel & housing costs. Delegates are elected for two years.

Twelve delegates are also elected from each Assembly District. The Assembly District election calendar distributed. Assembly District delegate candidates can begin submitting their names as candidates via the Cadem.org website. Assembly District delegate elections will be held either Saturday or Sunday Jan 11/12 2014. Dates and locations TBA.

Region 2 Director Craig Cheslog will convene the Assembly District Delegate elections.

Delegates are also selected by legislators (Members of Congress; Assembly; State Senate) DCC Chair will recommend that Legislator's alternate to this committee be appointed as delegates.

New Business:

Date Change of January meeting: The first Thursday in January is January 1.

Motion: Esutoki – move January 2015 meeting date to Thursday January 8. **M/S/A**

Time Change for Meetings:

Motion: Howland – move to change meeting start times to 6:30 pm **M/S/A**.

Location Change for Lakeport Meetings to Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room

Motion: Esutoki – move that beginning with the December 2014 meeting and every other month in 2015, that Lakeport meetings to be held at the Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room. **M/S/A**.

Motion: Esutoki – authorize treasurer to pay \$350.00 for Lakeport meeting space (\$50.00 a month for 7 meetings - one in 2014 and six in 2015) **M/S/A.**

California Democratic Council Trainings (CDC): Vice Chair Esutoki announced that the CDC will be holding training in January at the CDP Headquarters in Sacramento. Club leadership training, treasurers and club development - Saturday January 24, 2015. Admission is free. Members are urged to attend and carpool. Signups for the training will be announced on the website lakecountydemocrats.org and via the Lake County Democrats email list.

Announcements:

KPFZ – Member Green announced the KPFZ fundraiser the weekend of Nov 8/9. Green's guest on Dec. 6 will be Sheriff elect Brian Martin. Airs at 10am Saturdays KPFZ 88.1. Repeated at 10am Mondays.

Member Riley has invited State Assembly Member elect Bill Dodd to return as a guest on his radio show on KPFZ – Airs Thursdays at 1pm.

Next meeting Thursday Dec 4, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. in Lakeport at the Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room, 527 Konocti Ave. in Lakeport.

Adjourned

Signed:



Rebecca L. Curry, Chair