

**LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES**

**Meeting of January 8, 2015**

**Lower Lake United Methodist Church Social Hall, 16255 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lower Lake**

**6:30 pm**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll call was taken by the Chair as Secretary seat was open. Chair appointed Anne Rubin as Secretary for 2015-16 term.

**Voting Members Present:**

District 1: R. Green; A. Rubin; District 2: S. Howland; District 3: J. Evans; J. Sheehy; District 4: M. Harris; T. Jordan; District 5: B. Curry; H. Luia; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

**Voting Members Absent:**

District 2: L. Baron (x); E. Coons (x); W. Manners (u); H. Riley (u); District 3: L. Rigod (x); W. Quitiquit (u); District 4: N. Strasser (u)

**Alternate Members Present**

District 2: D. Smith (Manners)

**Associate Members Present:**

J. Conard; V. Cerenio; T. Harty; R. East; C. Leskar

**Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda approved as presented.

**Approval of Dec.4, 2014 Minutes:**

Approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Committee Appointments:**

Virginia Cerenio was appointed to the open seat in Supervisor District 4.

Dave Smith was appointed as the Lake County Democratic Club Representative to the Central Committee. As a result Dave resigned his position as District 2 alternate for Bill Manners.

Election of 2015-2016 Executive Board Officers: Becky Curry will remain Chair, Adckinjo Esutoki will remain Vice Chair, James Evans will remain Treasurer, and Anne Rubin was appointed Secretary.

**Guest Speaker:**

Elizabeth Siggins presented on Safe & Just Campaign / Implementation of CA Prop 47. For details go to [www.safeandjust.org](http://www.safeandjust.org).

Brian Martin, Lake County Sheriff, gave his observations and perspective on implementation of Prop 47 and resulting challenges and impact on County Jail and community safety.

**Legislator's Reports:**

**Congress Member Mike Thompson**

Chair Curry read highlights of the Congressman's monthly report. Full report available on the website, [www.lakecountymocrats.org](http://www.lakecountymocrats.org). An alternate for Congressman Thompson to this committee has yet to be appointed.

**Congress Member John Garamendi**

Alternate Swetnam reported that the Congressman voted in favor of the Omnibus spending bill. He was also optimistic about the homeowners' initiative which will benefit residents in Congressional District 3. See report on our website.

Congressman Garamendi will be in Lake County on Fri. January 23 to meet with Helping Hands non-profit organization, as well as Marymount College in Lucerne. His staff has made it known that they "feel bad about letting LCDCC down" and wish to make it up to us by holding a meet-and-greet at the Live Oak Senior Center in Clearlake Oaks, 12502 Foot Hill Blvd. Please try to attend, and please submit questions in advance to allow the Congressman to prepare answers.

**Assembly Member Dodd:**

No alternate appointed to date. No report available.

**State Senator Mike McGuire:**

No alternate appointed to date.

State Senator McGuire is hosting his fifth annual Winter Wow fundraiser to benefit local Boys and Girls Clubs Thursday January 29 6:30-8:30 pm at Wells Fargo Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. This is also his local swearing-in ceremony.

**Club Reports:**

**Lake County Democratic Club:**

No report at this time as Club Representative Dave Smith was appointed today.

Next Club meeting will be on Tuesday January 13 at 6:00 pm at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake. Guest speaker will be Supervisor Anthony Farrington, and he will talk about the State of Jefferson's overtures toward the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

**Stonewall Club:**

No report available.

It is not known whether they are still planning on meeting at the end of the month. When confirmed, it will be announced on the web site.

**Officer's Reports:**

**Chair:**

On Saturday January 24 Chair Curry will attend the CDC training in Sacramento.

Chair Curry is still working on securing alternates for the state legislators.

No action to date on the field office in the county.

Saturday January 10 delegate elections for assembly district 4 will be held in Napa at Technology Way 2-4 pm and in Davis at Odd Fellows Hall. Registration begins at 2:00pm. For details see the CaDem website.

Wanda Harris is running for Assembly Delegate.

**Vice Chair:**

Workshops on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are posted on the CDC's web site, as well as the Club site and Central Committee site. It would be good for all members to attend the workshop, which is intended for leaders, but would benefit all members. The workshops are free; a donation is requested to help fund these trainings.

Brochures / donation forms were passed around for those wishing to donate to help fund CDC activities as well as describing some of the work being done by the CDC.

Talked to Eric Bauman of the Los Angeles DCC to get ideas on how to improve this organization, increase membership and raise funds.

Senator Barbara Boxer will not run for another term in 2016.

Supervisor Anthony Farrington will attend the Club meeting next week (see above, as well as web site). Supervisor Jeff Smith will be the guest speaker in February. Mireya Turner of Lakeport City Council has been asked to be the March guest speaker. Bruno Sabatier of Clearlake City Council will be asked to speak in April. Mitch Markowitz will also be asked to speak, since he ran for office.

DCC members are encouraged to attend, or watch recordings, of Board of Supervisors meetings and City Council meetings to stay current on what they are working on as well as to ensure we can make informed decisions when it is time to endorse candidates running for re-election.

**Secretary:**

No report today. New Secretary appointed today.

**Treasurer:**

In December \$315 received in dues, balance on hand \$1180. Expenses: BBQ shares for the clubs \$3008, \$62 for Post Office box rental, \$50 for SOS annual fee, \$31 for postage. No comments were received on the first draft of 2015 budget. Difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and second draft: \$373. Treasurer Evans moved to adopt 2015 budget. Member H. Luia seconded. The 2015 budget was adopted with no one opposed.

Three new members joined in December. That adds up to 13 new members since July.

**Elections:**

Nothing new to add on elections.

Chair expressed hope that all the standing committees would have their meetings before March in order to be prepared for any possible bylaw changes and make it possible to vote on those in March.

**Finance:**

Voting members of Central Committee: The annual dues of \$15 are due as of January first. On January 31 unpaid members will be delinquent and will not be able to vote until paid up.

Chair has put up an ActBlue link for those wishing to pay on-line.

Please submit a membership form with cash/check payment for tracking purposes.

OK to mail in payment or submit in person at a meeting.

No need to fill out the entire membership form, unless contact information has changed.

**Issues:**

Nothing to report.

**Voter Registration:**

Nothing to report.

Chair recommended that members carry voter registration forms with them at all times so that additional Democrats can be registered to vote.

Vice Chair reminded that CaDem 2016 is now on. He has ordered kits, but has not yet heard back about estimated time of delivery.

Vice Chair will find out whether members who joined the 2014 campaign late in the year will have to pay again for 2016.

**On Going Business:**

**LCDCC Executive Board Officer Elections - 2015-2016**

See above.

**California Democratic Party Convention Delegates (DSCC**

Central Committee membership is required to be eligible.

The following six members from the Central Committee expressed a wish to be delegates and since no other members requested to be considered, no elections were held: Wanda Harris, Becky Curry, Adckinjo Esutoki, Holly Luia, Joy Swetnam and Judy Conard.

Motion by Joy Swetnam to send the six applicants to the convention.

Motion approved with no one opposing.

**New Business:**

Anne Rubin nominated Associate Member Wanda Harris for open seat in District 1.

Election will be on the agenda for the February 5 meeting.

**Member Survey for 2015-2016 Election Cycle:**

Members who had not yet completed the survey were asked to do so and turn them in to the Chair by the end of this meeting, as Treasurer Evans would like to tally and calculate the results.

**Announcements:**

The state convention will be May 15-17 in Anaheim. Presidential year convention is at the San Jose Convention Center Feb 26-28, 2016.

Chair thanked members who ran for delegate, and mentioned that the expense of going to the convention is on the delegate, as the committee has no funds available for subsidies this year.

Judy Conard has volunteered to lead the committee on updating the bylaws. Other members of this committee are Ron Green, Bill Manners, Louis Rigod and Adckinjo Esutoki.

The committee is hoping to have a face-to-face meeting in the next two weeks. E-mail to follow.

Joy Swetnam clarified that the meet-and-greet with Congressman Garamendi on the 23<sup>rd</sup> is not a public event, but intended for the Lake County Central Committee members.

The Second Sunday Cinema will be in Kelseyville on 1/11/15 at 3:00 pm in their new location at Kelseyville United Methodist Church. The movie is "The Best of Men" and is about WWII injured English soldiers and their poor treatment until Dr. Guttman, a Nazi refugee, took over their care.

Member Shirley Howland expressed the opinion that membership is declining due to the conservative direction taken by many in the Democratic leadership. This is undermining the President's diplomatic efforts on various fronts.

Ron Green announced a KPFZ fundraiser on Sat. 1/10/15 7:00 pm at the Lower Lake School House Museum. Performer will be Roy Zimmerman, a singer, song writer and political satirist. Cost is \$20 and tickets are available at Watershed Books and from Herb Gura at 350-1150.

Roy Zimmerman will also be on Ron's show on KPFZ Saturday morning at 10:00 am.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday February 5, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeport Senior Center, 527 Konocti Ave., Lakeport CA.**

**Adjourned 7:55pm**

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Secretary Anne Rubin

*Anne S. Rubin* (I will add my real signature at work, can't do it from home)

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