

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
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**MINUTES**

**Meeting of Thursday May 7, 2015  
Lower Lake United Methodist Church Meeting Room**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll call was taken by circulating an attendance sheet.

**Voting Members Present:**

District 1: A. Rubin; R. Green District 2: L. Baron; S. Howland; H. Riley; W. Manners  
District 3: L. Rigod; J. Sheehy District 4: V. Cerenio; M. Harris; T. Jordan District 5: B. Curry;  
A. Esutoki; H. Luia; Club Representatives: D. Smith (Lake County Democratic Club)  
Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

**Voting Members Absent:**

District 1: W. Harris; District 3: J. Evans (u); J. Luiz (McGuire) District 4: N. Strasser (u);  
District 5: L. Acosta (u); W. Holbrook (Thompson)

**Alternate Members Present**

District 1: G. Zeit (Rubin) District 3: L. Matthews (Rigod)

**Associate Members Present:**

District 1: M. Rosenthal District 3: R. East; C. Leskar District 5: B. Ehr

**Guests:** E. Robey; R. Shurgis; Steve Greenberg; Sylvia Manners.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda: J. Conard / Approved as amended. Added Under Issues Committee:  
Consideration to support Resolution to Oppose the State of Jefferson.

**Approval of April 2, 2015 Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes: J. Conard / Approved as presented.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Appointments:** Lenny Matthews appointed as Alternate for Louis Rigod, D3. Norm Deter (not present) has agreed to be D5 alternate for Becky Curry. Luisa Acosta was appointed as Chair of

Voter Registration Committee. Also appointed to this committee were Wanda Harris, Shirley Howland, Bill Manners, Moira Harris to be responsible for voter registration effort this year.

**Guest Speaker:**

Monica Rosenthal, Candidate for Supervisor District 1, talked about her candidacy and announced a meet-and-greet on Friday 6/5, 4-7 pm at Latrease's Ice Cream Parlor, 20157 Calistoga Rd. ,Middletown. For more on Monica's campaign: [MonicaForSupervisor.com](http://MonicaForSupervisor.com) / 707-355-2762.

**Legislator's Reports:**

**Congress Member Mike Thompson**

Becky Curry (on behalf of Wally Holbrook) reported that:

- Napa Chamber of Commerce endorsed the permanent protection of Berryessa Snow Mountain Region.
- Announcing a Department of Health and Human Services Grant of more than \$939,000.00 for Lake Family Resource Center to be used for Early Head Start program.
- Introduced a Crude-by-Rail Safety Act.
- Bi-partisan call to end gun riders in appropriation bills.
- Sonoma County Fleet Operation selected as an EPA Clean Air Excellence award winner.
- Co-authored Social Security program tax cuts for seniors, increase benefits and strengthen program.
- Voted No on TPP fast track.
- \$3.7 m for Santa Rosa Community Health Centers.
- Elected Vice Chair of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

Full report available on the website, [www.lakecountymocrats.org](http://www.lakecountymocrats.org).

**Congress Member John Garamendi**

No report. Please go to his Facebook page and web site for the latest on his legislative actions and activities.

- Has been working on the transporting oil by rail safety issue.
- Recent Town Hall calls in his district.
- Concerned about severe cuts to IHSS (\$500 billion over 10 yrs).
- Against the Twin Tunnels Project in the Delta.
- Voted against a bill that would have allowed VA doctors to talk about medical marijuana with their patients.

**State Senator Mike McGuire:**

Becky Curry (on behalf of Joey Luiz) reported that:

- Introduced medical marijuana bill SB 643 the Medical Marijuana Public Safety and Environmental Protection Act, which passed Senate Business and Economic Development Committee as well as Senate Governance and Finance, and is now sitting in Appropriations.

- SB 593 Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act, which regulates on-line vacation rental business and helps communities collect Transient Occupancy Taxes. The bill passed out of Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.
- SB 148, a \$600 million career technical education bill.
- Hosting a convention after-party w. Bill Dodd, for those going to the convention in Anaheim.

Assembly Member Dodd:

Judy Conard reported that:

- BBQ will take place on 5/23 at Chacewater Winery in Kelseyville 5:00-7:00.
- 8-10 volunteers needed for registration, greeting assistance, set-up, bar maintenance, close down. Sign-up sheet passed around.

**Club Reports:**

Lake County Democratic Club:

Club Representative Dave Smith reported that:

- CDC president, Emilie G. Gatfield, was the speaker on April 14.
- CDC contest for most members signed up; prize is a back stage pass at the convention.
- The club will be at the Lower Lake Daze event Memorial Day weekend.
- Next Club meeting will be on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake. Mireya Turner, Lakeport City Council, is the guest speaker.

Stonewall Club:

Club representative Wanda Harris reported, via email, that:

- The Club will meet Monday May 18th at the Lower Lake United Methodist Church at 6:30 pm.
- The Club has approx. \$4,000.00 in the bank.

**Officer's Reports:**

Chair:

Chair Curry reported that:

- Lawrence Zackson, a member of the California delegation to the DNC, emailed her re. members only conference call which took place 5/5/15. Participants were briefed on the TPP fast track bill.
- Thanking everyone who baked and/or volunteered at the Ravioli Feed. We cleared \$478.00.
- Also thanking the people who volunteered at the Cinco de Mayo event in Lakeport (5/3/15) by staffing the voter registration booth.
- CDP Rural Caucus is working on "Payment in Lieu of Taxes", which is now sitting in Senate Appropriations.
- Becky will be at the Chair Workshop at the convention on Thursday. Fourwaters has asked her to be on the panel on the strategic planning process.
- Still meeting with Ed Robey, Victoria Brandon and Dennis Darling re. proposed Walmart expansion.

- Approaching Lakeport City Council to get them to put in the “Continued Use Permit” to get local control and help prevent Walmart from moving to Lakeport, if Clearlake doesn’t allow the expansion.

Vice Chair:

Vice Chair Esutoki reported that:

- Website went down a couple of times.
- He will be at the convention.
- Don’t forget to come to the Democratic Club meeting on Tue. 5/12.

Secretary:

Secretary Rubin reported that:

- She attended the Ravioli Feed and had such a good time she decided to skip Bill Dodd and the MATH meeting that same evening. Becky has the link to the recording of the MATH meeting for those who are interested in watching it.
- MATH postponed the Dollar General discussion, which was on the agenda, to allow for DG to send representatives to the meeting. This agenda item will be on for May 14th.
- Voter Registration booth held at the first Concert-on-the-Green in Hidden Valley Lake, staffed by Wanda and Anne. This was a trial run to verify suitability of venue. It was successful and fun. HVLA has, however, changed the rules and it is no longer free; it would cost \$15.00. Recommendation is to do two more concerts. The May concert is dedicated to arts and crafts vendors only.
- Laborers Local 324 striking in Hidden Valley Lake claiming unfair labor practices by HVLA. Union statement was circulated and a copy is available upon request. The union would like our support. To be discussed by the Issues Committee.

Treasurer:

Report given by Chair Curry, on behalf of Treasurer James Evans:

- \$478 take-home from ravioli feed.
- \$140 received in memberships.
- Balance on hand is \$961.41.
- Chair Becky will increase efforts to recruit Vice Treasurer.

**Break:** 8:00pm

**Elections:**

Becky Curry reported that: committee is scheduled to meet on 5/21 at 7:00 pm at Judy Conard’s house.

- The committee will be re-writing the endorsement process.
- They will discuss how to handle next year’s elections.
- Meeting is open to every other member wishing to attend.

**Finance:**

Becky Curry on behalf of Finance Committee: nothing to report.

**Issues:**

Ron Green reported that:

- Recommending we support Sierra County DCC's resolution opposing State of Jefferson.

Motion to support the resolution to oppose the formation of the State of Jefferson: R. Green.  
2nd: A. Esutoki. Motion approved.

Joy reported that:

- Keep it California is a regional effort by the affected counties unified against the State of Jefferson.
- Not too early to educate people on what the consequences would be should it pass. Recommend everyone talk to neighbors and friends about SoJ, start a dialogue in the community.
- A PAC (political action committee) has been formed. They are asking that we all sign the pledge form to endorse and support Keep it California.
- A PAC cannot take cash donations; donations have to be traceable.
- You can also endorse on the website, [keepitcalifornia.org](http://keepitcalifornia.org). There is also a Facebook page.

**Voter Registration:**

Becky reported that:

- Voter Reg Booth at Concert on the Green: A \$30.00 check will be sent to HVLA to secure booth space for two more concerts in June and September.

Becky: Motion to set aside \$30.00 for voter registrations at two additional Concerts-on-the-Green in Hidden Valley Lake. 2nd: J. Swetnam. Motion approved.

- The Democratic Club has paid for the cost of the voter registration booth at the Lower Lake event on Sunday 5/24 of Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers needed to staff the booth.
- The Voter Registration Committee will be responsible for our participation at the Lake County Fair.
- The Stonewall Club will take care of voter registration at the Clearlake 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

**On Going Business:**

Strategic Plan tasks:

- Dave and Wanda had volunteered to call lapsed members. They were given a list of approximately 30 lapsed members to call (15 each). We don't know if any progress has been made on this to date.
- Carlos went to Yuba College to get the OK to form a Young Democrats Club. He will give a presentation to the student body which has to approve all new clubs.

- 2015 BBQ time line and volunteer assignments list handed out: Becky is currently looking for leads for the various tasks. Once leadership has been assigned, other volunteers will be recruited.
  - 1) Leads have been assigned for the following tasks: barbeque, letters to the legislative sponsors, keynote speaker, drinks table, reception table, graphics and printing, music, silent auction, Mike Thompson's flag raffle, securing the senior center.
  - 2) We still need a lead for the following: side dishes/meal service, soliciting business sponsors and soliciting silent auction donations/pick-up & delivery.
  - 3) This year we are seeking additional business sponsors who would be recognized at the BBQ as well as in the program.
  - 4) Please start thinking about in what capacity you would like to volunteer. Sign-up sheet will be passed around next month.
  - 5) Attendance goals for the BBQ were exceeded in 2013 (150 attendees) because everyone committed to bringing new people to the event. To be able to afford a campaign office in 2016 and send campaign mailers we need to increase revenue from the BBQ. If everyone brought two new people with them, we could meet our goals.
  - 6) Further discussion and updates on the BBQ assignments to follow at future meetings.

**Announcements:**

- Harold reported on the Sodomite Suppression Act: Charlotte Laws, an LA County activist started her own initiative, "The Intolerant Jackass Act". For more info go to: [http://www.slate.com/blogs/outward/2015/03/23/the\\_intolerant\\_jackass\\_act\\_a\\_brilliant\\_response\\_to\\_that\\_kill\\_the\\_gays\\_bill.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/outward/2015/03/23/the_intolerant_jackass_act_a_brilliant_response_to_that_kill_the_gays_bill.html)
- Ron: KPFZ is having its yearly membership drive. Urging everyone to become a member by calling 263-3640.
- Barbara Ehr, candidate for D5 supervisor, introduced herself.
- Shirley announced a film, "Thirsty for Justice", shown in Lucerne on Sat. 5/16 1-3 pm at the senior center.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday June 4, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room, 527 Konicti Blvd., Lakeport.**

**Adjourned 8:41 pm**

Minutes recorded by Secretary Anne Rubin.