

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

**Meeting of Wednesday September 2, 2015
Lower Lake United Methodist Church**

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 J. Evans; District 4: V. Cerenio; M. Harris; District 5: B. Curry;
A. Esutoki; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire)

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: W. Harris (Stonewall) District 4: T. Jordan District 5: L. Acosta; H. Luia;
Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrook (Thompson); J. Swetnam (Garamendi);

Alternate Members Present

District 1: C. Negrete (Green); District 2: D. Smith (Manners); C. Giumelli (Howland) District 3:
L. Matthews (Rigod);

Guests:

Lorena Escamilla, Jordan Elliott, Don Saylor, ? (illegible signature)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: A. Esutoki / 2nd: J. Evans/ Approved as amended. (Nomination of Carlos Negrete for regular voting member to the Central Committee D-1. Guest speaker: Don Saylor, candidate for Bill Dodd's seat on the Assembly).

Approval of June 4, 2015 Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: A. Esutoki / 2nd: J. Sheehy / Approved as submitted.

Public Comment: None.

Appointments & Resignations:

- Motion: Adckinjo Esutoki nominated Dave Smith for the open seat on the convention delegation. 2nd: A. Rubin. / Approved.
- Ron Green nominated Carlos Negrete to the open seat in District 1. Vote will be held next month. Carlos will have to resign as Ron's alternate.

Guest Speaker: Don Saylor, running for the open seat in the 4th Assembly District (Bill Dodd's seat). Don introduced himself and his platform: environment, health care, women's health, broadband as part of the infrastructure. Also running for this seat: Cecilia Aguilar-Curry of Winters, Dan Wolk of Davis and Charlie Schaupp(R) of Esparto.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook (absent)Becky presented report.

- U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson supports the Iran Nuclear Agreement and issued a statement on that.
- Announced that USPS has agreed to stop pursuing the demolition of the historic downtown Napa post office.
- U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson and Congressman Garamendi announced a \$2 million FEMA grant for Rocky Fire victims.
- Mike Thompson secured more than\$2 milling for American Canyon Green Island Industrial District.
- Over \$176,000 for Affordable Care Act funds for Santa Rosa Community Health Centers.

Full report available on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org.

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative Swetnam (absent):

No report.

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz:

- Governor Brown signed an executive order for Lake and Trinity Counties to help residents recover from the wild fires. This will help expedite debris removal. For assistance call the Ukiah office - Kerry 707-468-8914
- Thank you for attending the Town Hall meeting hosted by Senator McGuire in Lakeport on 8/6/15 at Clear Lake High School. Thanks to the Central Committee for accommodating by switching the monthly meeting date.
- McGuire/Dodd field office grand opening Tu. 9/29/15 5:00-6:30 pm @ 885 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport.
- Legislature is now in session. 9/11 is the deadline to submit legislation to Gov. Brown's desk.
- Sen. McGuire's Medical Marijuana legislation is still advancing, but will most likely be tacked on to Assemblyman Banta's bill.

- Coastal Protection Act of 2015 which would ban all offshore oil drilling off the California coast has been held in committee. McGuire will bring that back in 2016.
- Legislation supporting mobile home owners and protecting redwood burl poaching have advanced to the Governor's desk.

Full report available on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org.

Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard (absent):

No report.

Club Reports:

Lake County Democratic Club Representative M. Harris:

No report.

- Next LCDC meeting will be on Tuesday 9/8 at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake at 6:30.
- Monica Rosenthal, candidate for Board of Supervisors - District 1, will address the Club.

Stonewall Club Representative W. Harris (absent):

No report.

Officer's Reports:

ChairCurry:

- Letters were sent, expressing our disappointment, to Senator Feinstein about her cannabis banking vote and Congressman Garamendi about his GMO vote. Thanks to Ron for composing the letters.
- Attended the e-board 14th-16th of August in Burlingame.
- Rules for selecting the national convention delegates were adopted.
- Lake County Democratic Central Committee will not endorse a presidential candidate. Members are free to work for the campaign of their preferred candidate until one candidate wins the race. Then we will support that candidate.
- Resolution opposing the State of Jefferson has been adopted by CADem.
- Thanks to Bill Manners for fair booth set up.
- Will go with CDP Rural Caucus Vice-Chair Jamie Buetler and Craig Cheslog, Region 2 Director, CDP Vice-Chair Erik Bauman and Senator McGuire to meet with Assembly

member, Democratic Majority Whip, Miguel Santiago to discuss the importance of supporting legislation that benefits rural California.

- CADem legislation committee voted to support SB 350 & SB 32. (Climate change legislation).
- Thanks to the voter reg. booth staffers who worked in Hidden Valley as well as those who attended Mike McGuire's Town Hall. It is available on LakeCoNews, if you missed it.
- Bill Dodd will be on Harold's show 9/16. Becky will send out an email about it.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- BBQ sponsors – contacting sponsors
- Website is now up-to-date.
- CDC is changing servers, which cause temporary outage.
- Adckinjo attended the e-board meeting.
- Representing DCC at the dinner at the county fair.
- CADem 2016 is still going on. Adckinjo has forms.
- Requesting all the representatives' reports be emailed to him so he can post them on the website.

Secretary Rubin:

- Concert-on-the-Green: We re-registered one Democrat. Still having fun and attracting attention. People stopping by the booth to chat. Received a thank you letter from HVLA for our participation.
- Attended the Town Hall and got the invitation card for the McGuire/Dodd Lake County office opening on 9/29/15.
- MATH meeting report: (Meeting of Aug. 13, 2015) Very clearly stated in article by Elizabeth Larson in Lake County News 8/28/15 edition.

Main points of interest:

- ✓ Dollar general committee headed by Monica Rosenthal discussed Dollar General application. Please read the article by Elizabeth Larson of Lake County News. (Passed around).
- ✓ Change to MATH bylaws to better represent all areas of District 1.

✓ Next MATH meeting 9/10/15 @ 7:00 pm in Middletown Senior Center.

- HVL: Two available seats on the HVLA Board of Directors for November election. 7 candidates running. Candidate forum on 9/30/15.

Treasurer Evans:

- Received BBQ sponsor donation of \$250 from Assembly member Bill Dodd and one \$500 from the California Teachers' Association , and \$1,000 from the Teamsters Local 665. We paid \$80 for tickets to the fair for the booth volunteers.
- Balance on hand is \$3,971.
- Budget looks safe now but we need a successful BBQ for next year's elections.

Full report available upon request.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Registration of voters: There will be three elections on the ballot in November.
 - ✓ Upper Lake Elementary School Board.
 - ✓ Fire Protection District (Lower Lake/Clearlake area).
 - ✓ Clearlake Oaks Water District.

Finance:

Chair Evans:

- No new memberships in August.
- Thank you to the members who volunteered to assist our BBQ attendance and membership drive.
- Sign-up sheet passed around for additional members wishing to help.
- BBQ reservation forms are also available.

Issues:

Chair Green:

- Discussion on Wellville initiative moved to October meeting due to Wally being absent.
- Motion by Ron Green that we send a letter of support to Planned Parenthood stating that we stand with Planned Parenthood and denounce the attacks and efforts to defund Planned Parenthood. / 2nd: J. Luiz / Approved.
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Voter Registration:

Becky Curry on behalf of Chair Acosta (absent):

- \$171 bounty received for registering voters; money goes to our general fund.
- Fair:
 - LCDC covering fair booth rental.
 - Thanks to Bill. M. who helped set up.
 - Ceva G.: Reminded us of “Lake County Can” food drive at entrance to fair. No free entry with donation. This is a change from past years.
 - The booth will be stocked with:
 - ✓ BBQ flyers will be provided by Joy
 - ✓ There will be a Dem2016 sign-up sheet at the fair: wear your pin
 - ✓ Walmart petitions
 - ✓ Keep It California brochures and pledge cards as well as limited amount of buttons
 - ✓ California flags
 - Candidate visits:
 - ✓ 9/4 Thompson in Lake County and will stop by in the afternoon
 - ✓ 9/5 Dan Wolk and Cecilia Aguilar-Curry
- Upcoming booth opportunities are the AIDS walk 9/12/15 in Library Park, Lakeport
- Sunday 9/20/15 is Power to the Youth in Austin Park, Clearlake
- National Voter Registration Day Tu. 9/22 still needs volunteers to register high school students. Organized by Gillian Parrillo.

On Going Business:

Strategic Plan:

See finance committee report and Dave’s membership renewals.

BBQ 2015:

- Received \$500 from Laborers 324; \$100 from Twin Pine Casino. Hoping for money from Garamendi and Op. Engineers.
- Leads in charge of tasks will organize their volunteers.
- Silent Auction items due 1 week before BBQ.
- Adckinjo will work on the Gavin Newsome video.

- Get information on business sponsors to Becky so they can be listed in the program.

Announcements:

- Harold:
 - ✓ CCHAP needs help at the AIDS walk event on 9/12. Library Park set-up at 10:00, event at 11:00-3:00.
 - ✓ Bill Dodd will be on his radio show on 9/16. Call in number is 263-3435.
 - ✓ Guest on his show Wed. 9/9 will be a transgender woman.
- Lenny: "Compassionate choices" legislation is going to special sessions committee. Visit their web site for more details.
- Moira: attended and represented LCDP at .
- Shirley: Bernie Sanders campaign is having a booth at the fair. Adckinjo has posters.
- Monica Rosenthal, candidate for BOS D-1, is having a campaign event end of October at Six Sigma vineyard. Details TBA.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday October 1, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room, 527 Konocti Rd. Lakeport.

Adjourned 8:20 pm.

Minutes recorder by A. Rubin, Secretary.