

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of Wednesday October 1, 2015
Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room, 527 Konocti Rd. Lakeport

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: W. Harris (Stonewall); C. Negrete; A. Rubin; District 2: S. Howland; W. Manners;
District 3: J. Evans; J. Sheehy District 4: V. Cerenio; M. Harris; T. Jordan District 5: B. Curry;
A. Esutoki; H. Luia; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrook (Thompson);

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: R. Green; District 2: L. Baron; H. Riley; District 3: L. Rigod; District 5: L. Acosta;
Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Alternates Present:

Areli Donner-Chavez (Luia)

Associate Members Present:

Gillian Parrillo D-5; Cindi Koehn D-5

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: J. Evans / 2nd: J. Conard / Approved as presented.

Approval of Sep.2, 2015 Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: H. Luia / 2nd: A. Esutoki / Approved as amended.

Public Comment:

Wanda Harris announced that Soroptimists have gift cards for fire victims. Let Wanda know if you know of a fire victim who could benefit.

Appointments & Resignations:

- Motion by A. Esutoki to approve Carlos Negrete to D-1 open seat. 2nd: H. Luia. Approved.
- Holley Luia appointed Areli Donner-Chavez as her alternate.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook

- U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson announced SBA disaster loans available for homeowners impacted by earthquake damaged highway 29 sound wall in Napa.
- Thompson votes in support of the Iran nuclear deal.
- Announced FEMA has approved grant for Valley Fire.
- Congressmen Thompson and Boustany led bipartisan effort to combat deadly infections. READI Act addresses the rise in antibiotic resistance and impact on public health.
- On 9/21 Mike Thompson urged White House to approve individual assistance to Valley Fire victims.
- Announced a \$200,000 grant for Sonoma County's Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) to operate their 24/7 Dr. Coffee House Teen Shelter.
- Thompson announced \$2 million federal highway administration grant to repair roads and infrastructure damaged by Valley Fire.
- Announced low interest SBA loans to assist businesses and residents impacted by Valley Fire.
- Announced that President Obama issued a major disaster declaration for the State of California triggering the release of federal funds to help people recover from the disaster.
- Announced that federal Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is available (D-SNAP) for Valley Fire survivors.
- Rep. Thompson announced \$125,000 drug free communities grant for Up Valley Partnership for Youth. This is a community based prevention coalition led by Napa County Office of Education and Up Valley Family Center.
- Thompson announced FEMA public assistance for towns impacted by the Valley Fire will be available.

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

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative Becky on behalf of J.Swetnam (absent):

Congressman Garamendi's Washington D.C. update, district news and upcoming events are available on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org.

Telephone Town Hall was held on 9/30. Some district 3 residents received no advance notice, some just received a call and some didn't. Louis was on the call; ask him to recount what was said. A couple of topics were ISIS and Sites reservoir and California's water issues. Becky will look into assuring that D-3 voters get included in these Town Hall calls.

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz (absent):

No report.

Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard:

No report.

The grand opening of Bill Dodd/Mike McGuire's field office on 9/29/15 had great attendance.

Club Reports:

Adckinjo for Lake County Democratic Club:

- LCDC lost their Club Representative to the DCC.

- Adckinjo summarized the last LCDC meeting which took place on 9/8/15 in Lower Lake.
 - Balance on hand is \$6,433.99.
 - The club has 88 paid members.
 - Volunteers solicited for Power to the Youth event (9/20/15) by passing a sign-up sheet.
 - National Voter Registration Day (9/22/15) reminder from Gillian Parrillo.
 - Mitch Markowitz reported on upcoming elections for school boards.
 - Bruno Sabatier said he would stay on as chair of the ways and means committee if there was no one else to take over.
 - On-line event page with Press Democrat had 33 hits.
 - Virginia's cross word puzzle was posted to the web site.
 - Moira resigned as the liaison to the DCC.
 - Monica Rosenthal was the guest speaker.
 - Don Saylor, candidate for State Assembly D-4, will be the guest speaker in October.

- Next LCDC meeting will be on Tuesday 10/13 at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake at 6:30.

Full agenda and minutes are available on the LCDC web site

www.lakecountymethodistclub.org.

Stonewall Club Representative W. Harris:

No report. Club BBQ was cancelled due to the fire.

Officer's Reports:

ChairCurry:

- BBQ was cancelled due to the Valley Fire, senior center not being available, as they were housing fire victim services, and the difficulty in quickly finding an alternate suitable venue. Thanks to everyone who worked on the BBQ.
 - All silent auction donors have been contacted, donations will be held in storage for the Spring Candidate event.
 - Ditto for wine donations.
- Next month's guest speaker is Dan Wolk, candidate for Assembly District 4, Mayor of Davis.
- 9/3/15 in Sacramento: went with CDP Rural Caucus Vice-Chair Jamie Buetler and Jeanie Kleaver, Garamendi representative to meet with Assembly member Miguel Santiago newly elected Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and others. CDP Vice-Chair Erik Bauman organized this meeting together to get urban democrats to sit down and talk to the Rural Caucus.
- Pre-primary endorsement process / how to become a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia: handouts distributed to eligible regular DCC voters and convention delegates. Copies available by request.
- Luisa Acosta resigned as DCC member representing D-5 and will be an Associate member for the remainder of the year.
- \$1600 raised by Contra Costa County democrats for one of the fire funds. Marin County did a dining with Dems benefit. Yolo Dems had a benefit as well. Hilary Crosby will host a house party to benefit fire victims.

Vice ChairEsutoki:

- Website is now up-to-date.

Secretary Rubin:

- South County, D-1, devastated by the Valley Fire Over 1900 structures were destroyed, over 1200 of them homes.
 - Many lost both their homes and livelihood.
 - Four civilians lost their lives.
 - Hidden Valley Lake lost 70-100 homes and one civilian life.

- Please consider supporting the fire victims by shopping locally and utilizing local businesses for all your needs.
- Beware of scam artists. Donate to respected well known organizations.
 - I recommend Mike McGuire's fund through Redwood Credit Union or NCO & Mendo-Lake Credit Union or Middletown Rancheria aide efforts.
 - First annual golf tournament, organized by the Middletown Rancheria, to be held on October 17th in Hidden Valley Lake will benefit Valley Fire relief. The event will include live bands, free food, silent auction and more.
 - For details on how to donate, ask me offline.
- MATH meeting report: (Meeting of 9/24/ 15) Impromptu meeting in the park by the Middletown Senior Center. Officials gave updates. Heroes were recognized. Normal MATH business was not conducted; it was all fire related, for obvious reasons.

Treasurer Evans:

- General Fund:
 - Received BBQ sponsor donation of \$500 from Cerenio Management Corp. \$500 from Laborers International Union Local 324, and \$100 from Middletown Rancheria, \$100 from Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor, \$90 in BBQ reservations, \$172 for Bounty payments from the CDP, and \$19 for commemorative glasses at the Concert on the Green in August.
 - We did not have any expenses.
 - Balance on hand is \$5,452.
- Budget projection:
 - Between now and the end of the year we will receive \$175 in dues and the Senior Center reservation deposit refund.
 - \$1,931 in expenses such as \$450 for Diablo accountant, office supplies, postage, \$62 for P.O. Box rental, \$50 for California Secretary of State fee, \$60 for the fair dinner tickets, \$400 for the BBQ invitation envelopes and stamps, several BBQ reservation refunds and \$500 to refund the California Teachers Association BBQ sponsorship.
 - Projected yearend balance of \$3,696.
- Estimated additional income of \$705 and \$1,250 expenses in the first three months of next year, leaving a balance of \$3,151.

Full report available upon request.

- Discussion on Valley Fire donation, amount of donation and which fund to donate to.
 - Treasurer Evans recommended we donate no more than \$1,500.
 - Motion entertained by Becky: take some of our sponsorship money and donate it to one of the relief funds. Motion: James E. we donate \$750 to Mike Thompson/Wine Alliance relief fund and \$750 Mike McGuire/Redwood Credit Union relief fund. /2nd: Holley L.
 - ✓ Tom J.: requesting to know the estimated amount we project to spend on supporting endorsed candidates and what the projected revenue is to cover that cost.
 - ✓ \$1,000 +/- per James E. depending on the amount of candidate support and issues we want to support.
 - ✓ We will have a campaign office again this election cycle.
 - ✓ Wanda H. expressed the opinion that the DCC is here to register and elect democrats not to make donations.
 - ✓ All the legislators/unions that donated to our BBQ have been contacted and all but one (CTA) have told us to do with the money as we see fit. North Bay labor Council said to hold their donation for the next BBQ.
 - ✓ We'll have expenses for the spring event, but no sponsors. Also other expenses.
 - ✓ Adckinjo E.: donations should be made to a local entity, rather than one outside Lake County. Better PR.
 - ✓ Carlos N.: this is about us being human beings and helping our neighbors. Any amount helps.
 - ✓ Anne R.: It would look better for us to make the donation to NCO/Mendo Credit Union.
 - ✓ Adckinjo E.: It's nice to hear Lake countians pulling together and doing something for Lake County residents. Helping our own means a lot.
 - ✓ Becky C.: Was not planning on writing a formal press release to announce our donation.
 - Tom J.: Motion to amend the motion and donate \$3,000 to the Mendo-Lake Credit Union Valley Fire fund with the understanding that we may not be able to support locally endorsed candidates in the general election nor support any major ballot measures unless additional revenues become available. /2nd: Adckinjo E.
 - ✓ James E.: We don't have the money to do that.
 - Wanda H.: Requesting we end the discussion on the amended motion. /2nd: Holley L. Approved.
 - Vote on Tom Jordan's amendment to give \$3,000 to Valley Fire fund: motion failed.
 - Anne R.: Amendment to initial motion to donate to Mendo-Lake Credit Union/NCO instead of Redwood Credit Union. /2nd: James. E. Approved.
 - Vote on giving \$1,500 to this relief fund. Approved.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Registration of voters: There will be three elections on the ballot in November.
 - Fire Protection District (Lower Lake/Clearlake area). There are three vacancies and four candidates. Candidates are Mike Dean (D-incumbent), Bud Moore (R), Jacqueline Snyder (D-incumbent) and John Spriet (R-incumbent).
 - Upper Lake Elementary School Board. Mel Omeara and Ron Raetz are the incumbents. Also running is Melanie Sneathen (DTS).
 - Clearlake Oaks Water District. Five candidates for three vacancies: Dena Barron (incumbent), Richard Bishop (DTS) and Karl Hosier (DTS). Bob Kiser (D-incumbent) and Richard Kuehn (DTS-incumbent).

Issues:

Becky for Chair Green (absent):

- Walmart moved the calendar up and will be at the Clearlake City Council meeting on 10/6/15. It will be the initial scoping meeting for the Walmart Superstore expansion. See hand out. We need to raise awareness and insist on a new EIR, as well as a full economic impact report. Do we want to get involved in opposing the expansion?
- Becky entertained a motion to get involved. Motion by Holly L. for LCDP to oppose the expansion of Walmart. /2nd: John S. Approved.

Voter Registration:

Becky Curry on behalf of Chair Acosta (absent):

- We're done with the voter registration booths.
- We need 16 more democratic registration cards to get to our 50.
- Voter registration cards passed around to collect one more democrat each before December.
- If possible, get phone numbers and e-mail addresses for maximum bounty money.
- Gillian Parrillo gave a recap of the successful National Voter Registration Day.
 - NVRD went ahead despite the Valley Fire.
 - Proclamation was signed by Board of Supervisors.
 - Middletown High School will do this in the spring. Schools participating were Lower Lake High School, Upper Lake HS and several of the continuation schools. Kelseyville HS will do it October 7th.
 - Registrar of voters was happy with the number of cards turned in.
 - Thanks to all the volunteers.
 - Next year will be even better.

On Going Business:

Strategic Plan:

Future expected revenue:

- Spring endorsement event will be held mid-April. We will hold a silent auction.
- Mike Thompson's ravioli feed is in March. We will sell desserts during that event.
- BBQ in fall of 2016.
- Commemorative glasses are for sale at \$3/ea or \$2/ea for 5.

Announcements:

Becky will not be attending the next meeting; Adckinjo will chair it.

Moiria H.: She called Congress members Mike Thompson, John Garamendi and Congressman Mark DeSaulnier. Urging them to support Barbara Lee, Mike Honda and George Miller's request to President Obama, asking him to exonerate the Port Chicago 50.

Next meeting will be on Thursday November 1, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lower Lake Methodist Church.

Adjourned 8:20 pm.

Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.