

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
PO Box 1151, Lakeport, CA 95453
Phone: 707-533-4885; www.lakecountymocrats.org
FPPC#961174/FEC#C00389189

MINUTES

**Meeting of Wednesday November 5, 2015
Lower Lake United Methodist Church**

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Voting Members Present:

District 1: A. Rubin; R. Green District 2: L. Baron; H. Riley; W. Manners;
District 3: L. Rigod; J. Sheehy District 4: District 5: H. Luia; A. Esutoki;
Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire); J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrook (Thompson);

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: W. Harris (Stonewall); Carlos Negrete District 2: S. Howland; District 3: J. Evans;
District 4: V. Cerenio; M. Harris; T. Jordan District 5: B. Curry;
Ex Officio Alternates: J. Swetnam (Garamendi);

Alternate Members Present

District 1: District 2: District 3: Wendy White (Evans) District 5: Norman Deter (Curry),
Areli Dahner-Chavez (Luia)

Associate Members Present:

Carlene Leskar; Richard East; Monica Rosenthal; Debra Boivin

Guests:

Victoria Brandon; Ed Robey; Steve Greenberg; Cheryl McGinnis Johnston.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: H. Luia / 2nd: W. Holbrook/ Approved.

Approval of October 1, 2015 Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: H. Luia / 2nd: R. Green / Approved as submitted.

Public Comment:

- Ron Green introduced Cheryl McGinnis Johnston D-1 Board of Supervisor candidate who will be the speaker at the January central committee meeting.

- Cheryl McGinnis Johnston gave a brief introductory statement.

- Monica Rosenthal, Candidate D-1 BoS, had an update on the formation of the county's long term recovery task force, as well as the communities' effort titled Team Lake County.
- Victoria Brandon announced there will be a group forming to address re-forestation and erosion control and resources available for sustainable environmental recovery.
- Steve Greenberg announced there will be a Team Lake County meeting tomorrow 10:00 am (11/6) at Twin Pines Casino.
- Larry Barron suggested Lake County should utilize goats and sheep for weed abating after the wild fire.

Appointments & Resignations:

None.

Guest Speakers: Victoria Brandon and Ed Robey gave an update on the proposed Walmart expansion.

- Walmart has completed their application for expansion of their Clearlake super store.
- There will be a complete Environmental Impact Report (EIR),
- They expect there to be archeological remains due to the proximity to Anderson Marsh.
- CEQA report will show expected impact on community and businesses.
- There are also labor issues with the planned expansion.

More details on www.LakeCountyLocal2013.org.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook reported:

- Congressman Thompson announced \$258,000 for Sonoma Valley Community Health Center.
- Housing grant \$279,467 for Napa Valley Fair Housing Center.
- Mike Thompson stated that congressional republicans have failed to act on any common sense legislation addressing mass shootings. There have been no votes or proposals.

- He announced a \$2.6 million grant for Napa Valley College; they qualify due to their >25% Hispanic student enrollment. Yuba College Clearlake campus, as well as Mendocino College, have already received monies.
- USPS has listed downtown Napa Franklin Station post office for sale. The historic building will not be demolished.
- Mr. Thompson introduced a resolution to establish a select committee of the House (6 Republicans and 6 Democrats) on gun violence.
- Announcing a \$1.5 million grant from the Department of Defense for riptide bioscience, to help continue the research that is happening on Mare Island.
- Announcing that public assistance / FEMA funds for people impacted by the Valley Fire are being fully utilized for future fire suppression, rebuilding homes and businesses.
- Treasury will allow BRAC sites (like Mare Island) to more easily qualify for economic development tax credits.
- Rep. Thompson voted to pass bi-partisan debt ceiling agreement to keep government open.

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

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative Swetnam (absent):

No report.

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz:

- Senator McGuire continues to deal with the aftermath of the fires and has worked closely with Redwood Credit Union and the Press Democrat to raise over \$2 million for the relief effort. People needing assistance should contact his Santa Rosa office.
- Thanking everyone for attending the McGuire/Dodd field office grand opening and Open House in Lakeport on Tu. 9/29/15 5:00-6:30 pm @ 885 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport.
- Legislative session closed in September. Many of McGuire's bills were signed into law:
 - ✓ Money secured for career and technical education in middle and high schools.
 - ✓ Money for rural school bus safety and upgrades.
 - ✓ Comprehensive medical marijuana regulation legislation.
 - ✓ Several priority bills that he co-authored were signed into law by Governor Brown: Low Income Water Rate Assistance program, Equal Pay Act, End-of-Life Options Act.
- For details call Chris Rogers in Santa Rosa (707-576-2771).

- The Ukiah office (707-468-8914) can tell whether/when the Lakeport office is staffed, or see the website.

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

Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard :

Many of the items on Bill Dodd's list are the same as McGuire's:

- ✓ Equal pay
 - ✓ Right to die
 - ✓ Valley Fire recovery
 - ✓ Water rates in Lucerne
- He signed Small Business Franchise Protection Bill.
 - Together with Lois Wolk their select committees on wine united to review native issues impacting California's wine industry.

For details see website.

Club Reports:

Lake County Democratic Club Representative (open) report by Adckinjo Esutoki:

- Candidates and Issues Committee is working to get officers for the next year.
- Don Saylor, candidate for State Assembly D-4, was guest speaker (www.donsaylor.org).
- Minutes & Agenda are on the website; see new tabs with all minutes and agendas.
- The Club has \$6,358.99 on hand.
- Member renewal letters have been sent out by membership chair Carlene Leskar.
- Voter registration events for 2015 have been concluded. State Senator Alex Padilla's voter registrations bill AB 1461 has been signed into law.
- Candidate endorsement questionnaire has been approved and ready to hand to candidates upon request.
- Four new members signed up at last meeting.
- Club donated \$3,000 to the Valley Fire Relief fund of NCO/Mendo-Lake Credit Union.
- Nominations for club officers will take place at November 10th meeting.

- Next LCDC meeting will be on Tuesday 11/10/15 at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake at 6:30.

For details see club web site at www.lakecountymethodistclub.org.

Stonewall Club Representative W. Harris (absent):

No report.

Officer's Reports:

Chair Curry (absent):

No report.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

Dan Wolk will be the speaker at the December meeting.

Secretary Rubin:

No report.

Treasurer Evans (absent):

No report.

- Balance on hand is \$2,322.98.

Elections:

Chair Curry (absent) W. Holbrook reporting:

- Results of the three elections on the ballot in November:
 - ✓ Upper Lake Elementary School Board: 488 of 2,775 registered voters, or 18.1%, voted. Mel Omeara and Ronald Raetz won.
 - ✓ Fire Protection District (Lower Lake/Clearlake area): 1,289 / 8030, or 16.1% voters participated. Bud Moore, Mike Dean and John Spriet were elected.
 - ✓ Clearlake Oaks Water District: 323/1,300 registered voters participated (24.8%). Karl Hosier, Richard Kuehn and Dena Barron won that election.

Finance:

Chair Evans (absent):

No report.

Issues:

Chair Green:

- Walmart superstore expansion
- Keep It California / SoJ regional update.
 - ✓ Endorse campaign by going to the web site www.keepitcalifornia.org.
 - ✓ Adckinjo Esutoki has scheduled meetings with all five supervisors in an effort to convince them to rescind the SoJ vote scheduled for 2016.

Voter Registration:

No report.

On Going Business:

- Assembly District 4 has three candidates: Dan Wolk, Don Saylor and Cecilia Aguilar-Curry.
 - ✓ Don Saylor has attended as guest speaker. Dan Wolk will be the speaker at the next DCC meeting in December. Cecilia Aguilar-Curry has not yet been a guest speaker and approached Wally Holbrook on how to request a spot on the agenda. The club agenda is currently full, but she could request a spot on the DCC agenda.

Announcements:

- Monica announced the Team Lake County meeting Fri. 11/13 at 10:00 am at the Twin Pine Casino. County Task Force meets every Tuesday at the casino event center.
- Harold announced his radio show:
 - ✓ Interview with transgender woman from Sonoma County 1:00pm Wednesday 11/11 on KPFZ.
- Larry: Nov. 11 veterans' Day at American Legion in Clearlake.
- Richard: The club donated \$3,000 to the Valley Fire relief fund through Mendo-Lake Credit Union/ NCO. DCC donated \$1,500.

Next meeting will be on Thursday December 5 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room, 527 Konocti Rd. Lakeport.

Adjourned 7:55 pm.

Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.