

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
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**MINUTES**

**Meeting of Wednesday December 3, 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: R. Green; C. Negrete; A. Rubin; District 2: S. Howland; W. Manners;  
District 3: J. Evans; J. Sheehy; L. Rigod; District 4: V. Cerenio; M. Harris; T. Jordan  
District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki; H. Luia;

**Voting Members Absent:**

District 2: L. Baron; H. Riley; District 5: L. Acosta;  
Club rep (Stonewall): W. Harris  
Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrook (Thompson); J. Luiz (McGuire); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

**Associate Members Present:**

Gillian Parrillo D-5; Debra Boivin D-5.

**Guests:**

Barbara Sheehy; Cassie Forczek; Peszek Forczek; Sylvia Manners; Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

**Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Sep.2, 2015 Minutes:**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:**

Cassie Forczek and Peszek Forczek introduced themselves to the group. Membership forms were given to both.

**Appointments & Resignations:**

Luisa Acosta has resigned as D-5 regular voting member. She will remain an associate member.

**Guest speaker:** Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, candidate for State assembly, District 4, introduced herself and gave some background on her past accomplishments and qualifications for this office. Question and answer followed her presentation.

**Legislator's Reports:**

**Becky on behalf of Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook (absent)**

- Representative Mike Thompson votes to pass bi-partisan budget and debt ceiling agreement (HR 1314).
- Thompson announces funds to help homeless veterans in Napa County (\$145,101).
- Thompson announces \$100,000 for County of Sonoma Department of Health Services (USDA grant).
- Chairman of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Thompson sent a letter, signed by 114 colleagues calling on the White House to take action since republicans in congress refuse to act on gun violence.

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

**Congress Member John Garamendi Representative J.Swetnam (absent):**

No report. Congressman Garamendi's Washington D.C. update, district news and upcoming events are available on his website, <http://garamendi.house.gov/>.

Chair Curry requested that Ex Officio Alternate Swetnam bring an explanation to the next meeting for Garamendi's vote against allowing Syrian refugees into the U.S.

**State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz (absent):**

No report. The latest news on Mike McGuire's website is <http://sd02.senate.ca.gov/>

**Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard (absent):**

No report. Bill Dodd's website is <http://asmcd.org/members/a04/>

**Club Reports:**

**Adckinjo for Lake County Democratic Club:**

- Adckinjo summarized the last LCDC meeting which took place on 11/10/15 in Lower Lake.

Minutes available on the Club website at [www.lakecountymocraticclub.org](http://www.lakecountymocraticclub.org).

- Next LCDC meeting will be on Tuesday 12/8/15 at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake at 6:30. Potluck at 6:00. Bring a favorite holiday dish to share.
- Mike McGuire will be the guest speaker at the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting.

**Stonewall Club Representative W. Harris(absent):**

No report.

## **Officer's Reports:**

### **Chair Curry:**

- Becky attended a house party at CDP controller Hilary Crosby's home to raise funds for Valley Fire victims. Approximately \$700 was raised and delivered to Mendo-Lake Credit Union.
- Donations were also collected for the Lake County Democratic Party since we couldn't hold our annual fundraising BBQ event. (Approx. \$400).
- Final roster for the pre-primary endorsement process has been submitted. Eligible central committee members should expect to start receiving calls from candidates running for office.
- The convention is in mid-February and they're calling for volunteers. Non-delegates are eligible. Convention takes place in San Jose.
- For delegates: room blocks go very fast, so make your reservations early.
- If you are a delegate and cannot go to the convention, please appoint as proxy.

### **Vice Chair Esutoki:**

- Announced he is no longer the Chair of the Democratic Club.
- Thanking all the volunteers who helped the Club during his tenure as Chair.

Chair Curry expressed thanks to Adckinjo Esutoki for his service as the Club Chair and for taking over when things were a little chaotic. Also thanking Bill Manners for taking the Chair position.

### **Secretary Rubin:**

No report. Expect a MATH meeting report at the January meeting.

### **Treasurer Evans:**

- General Fund:
  - We donated \$1,500 to the Valley Fire victims, refunded \$1,140 of BBQ sponsor and reservation donations, paid \$450 to Diablo Accounting Services and \$3 for ActBlue fees.
  - Our balance on hand is \$4,029.
- Budget:
  - Projected year-end balance: \$3,342.
  - Projected first quarter expenses and income for 2016 will leave us with a balance of \$2,797.
- BBQ:
  - Tentative net to date, after refunds, is \$5,378.

Full report available upon request.

## **Elections:**

### **Chair Curry:**

- The two school boards in Upper Lake have consolidated and a new school board has been appointed and will be in effect in July.

- Governor Brown signed legislation to phase out all off-year elections by 2018 due to poor voter participation.
- Central Committee elections: Registered Democrats in the county will elect new Central Committee members. Representatives for the districts will be required to collect 20 signatures each from Democrats in their districts; they will have 60 days to do so. It is OK to sign your own signature list and you may sign each other's within our district.
  - D-1 has four seats available; a decrease by one seat.
  - D-2 has three seats available; decrease by one seat.
  - D-3 has five seats available; increase by one seat.
  - D-4 has five seats available; increase by one seat.
  - D-5 has five seats available; no change.
- Project Open Vote: Jeff Marsden, chair of the Independent Voters' Project, is lobbying to make a change to the Central Committee elections so the Central Committees will have to pay for these elections, which would in essence leave every Central Committee without funds after paying for the cost of the elections.

**Finance:**

No report.

**Issues:**

**Chair Green**

- Update on the State on Jefferson by Gillian Parrillo: In light of the Valley Fire aftermath Supervisor Farrington has put on the BoS agenda to rescind the resolution to put SoJ on the ballot for November 2016. This will be discussed at the Dec 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at 9:30 am. We need people to show up for this meeting.
- Nothing will proceed with the Wal-Mart Superstore expansion until January; item tabled until January.
- Every legislative session there is a new proposal for a Department of Peace, which has historically been rejected very time. DPLC signed on as a supporter. Lobbying took place in Washington. Letter to media suggested by Louis Rigod. Item tabled until January.
- 2016 ballot propositions:
  - Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsome will be collecting signatures for improved gun legislation.

**Voter Registration:**

**Becky Curry**

- Members who signed up to get one more voter registration should bring them in January. We need 16 more registrations.

- If possible, get phone numbers and e-mail addresses for maximum bounty money.
- What should registered voters who lost their homes in the fires do?  
Discussion with conflicting information took place.
  - Debra B. will make a call to the Secretary of State's office to find out.

**Strategic Plan:**

- Fundraising etc. Tabled until January.
- See the website for DNC's "Democratic Victory for Task Force" report.
- We will have a candidates' fundraising event in the spring.

**On Going Business:**

- Change of venue request for the Lakeport meetings:
  - We need a venue for \$40-\$50 every other month.
  - It should be in the North County.
  - Shirley Howland and Gillian Parrillo volunteered to search for appropriate venues with a report back in January.

**Announcements:**

Christmas potluck at the LCDC meeting on 12/8/15 in Lower Lake at 6:00 pm, right before the meeting at 6:30.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday January 7, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lower Lake Methodist Church.**

**Adjourned 8:05 pm.**

*Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.*