

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of Wednesday January 7, 2017 (Thursday)
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; Carlos Negrete; W. Harris (Stonewall)/ District 2: S. Howland/ District 3: J. Evans; L. Rigod; J. Sheehy / District 4: V. Cerenio; T. Jordan / District 5: B. Curry; H. Luia; A. Esutoki; Boivin, D. / Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire); J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrook (Thompson); J. Swetnam (Garamendi);

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: R. Green District 2: L. Baron; H. Riley; W. Manners; District 4: M. Harris

Alternate Members Present

District 2: D. Smith (Manners); District 3: Lenny Matthews (Rigod) District 5: Areli Donner-Chavez (Luia)

Associate Members Present:

Carlene Leskar; Richard East; Monica Rosenthal;

Guests:

Nate and Sara, campaign staff of Dan Wolk's, Tracy Krumpen, Logan Pitts, The Lawrences

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of December 3, 2015 Minutes:

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

Public Comment: None.

Appointments & Resignations:

Debra Boivin appointed as Democratic Club representative.

Guest Speaker: Assembly District 4 Candidate, Mayor of Davis, Dan Wolk, gave a campaign speech and answered questions from the members and guests in attendance.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative (Holbrook):

- Thompson, who is the Chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, released a letter from former Representative Jay Dickey in which he calls for repealing the Dickey Amendment and for federal research to be conducted on the causes of gun violence.
- Seven of the ten items on this month's report have to do with gun violence. For full details go to the web site.
- Congressman Thompson announced a nearly \$2 million grant to repair infrastructure damaged by the Valley Fire.
- Thompson voted against unpaid for tax package which would add \$680 billion to the national debt.
- Thompson voted to pass HR 2029, the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Appropriations bill. The legislation includes measures pertaining to infrastructure, fire management, solar energy, National Instant Criminal Background Check System, housing assistance, conservation, salmon management, crude-by-rail, National Guard, law enforcement, county-of-origin labeling, postal service, education, early learning and medical research.
- Chairman Thompson applauded President Obama's action on gun violence.
- Chairman Thompson was at the White House as President Obama announced his executive actions to reduce and prevent gun violence.

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

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative (Swetnam):

- Congressman Garamendi voted against the latest effort by Republicans to repeal the affordable Care Act and defund Planned Parenthood.
- Garamendi issued a statement supporting President Obama's Executive Order expanding background checks on gun purchases, stepping up enforcement of existing gun laws, and provide \$500 million for mental health services.

For details visit <http://garamendi.house.gov/>.

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz:

No report.

- Board of Equalization is working with Mike McGuire's office on a bill to increase the penalty on price gouging after a disaster. Current fines are not substantial enough to

dissuade those who would consider price gouging. Senator Nielsen of Butte County, where they also had a major fire, is supportive of this bill.

- McGuire will also co-sponsor AB 1559, the extension of tax relief for fire victims

Assembly Member Dodd Representative (Conard):

Logan Pitts from Assembly Member Dodd's office delivered the report describing what Bill Dodd is working on currently:

- AB 1559, the extension of tax relief for fire victims (covers 25 taxes & fees).
- Funding for farm worker housing in Napa.
- Gender pay equity bill (re-introduced).
- Water legislative package. See details and give feedback on his website.
- 2/19 is the deadline to introduce new legislation.
- Became the Chair of Agriculture Committee; issues involving farming or water use go through this committee.
- Dodd is on the Transportation Committee, as well as on the Special Committee called by Governor Brown in special session. "Per mile" gas tax options are under discussion as a means to raise taxes to pay for crumbling roads. The special session ends Nov.30th.
- State budget introduced by the Governor:
 - ✓ Introduced a 10% increase in funding for Sonoma Developmental Center
 - ✓ Assembly democrats are trying to end the maximum to the family grant under Cal-grants.
- Assembly Member Dodd is running for State Senate.
- Endorsed Dan Wolk for State Assembly District 4.

For details see his website <http://asmdc.org/members/a04/>.

Club Reports:

Lake County Democratic Club Representative (Boivin):

Newly appointed at the last meeting, so no report except:

- December meeting saw new chair and officers installed, preceded by a potluck.
- Next LCDC meeting will be on Tuesday 1/12/16 at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake at 6:30. Speaker will be State Senator Mike McGuire.

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

Stonewall Club Representative (W. Harris):

- Club has been struggling for a long time.
- Chair Riley, who was absent due to illness, expressed via Wanda H., his disappointment with the lack of DPLC help, which is mandated in the by-laws.
- Re-charter is up-coming; Club Rep Harris can't do it anymore.
- Seventeen out of 26 members responded to the survey on whether to disband the club and what to do with the money on hand. All of them are aware that if no decision is made by the end of this month all remaining club funds will go to the central committee.
 - ✓ Nine members have expressed they want to donate the money to the Valley Fire Victims.
 - ✓ Seven want to give all the money to the DPLC after having a farewell party.
 - ✓ One person wants to continue the club.
- The club will disband. Much, if not most, of the club's money will likely come to the central committee.
- Suggests partnering with Soroptimists on the donation of club money to fire victims, as they have the capability to thoroughly vet the applicants.
- Update will come next month.
- Harold Riley will start an LGBTQ discussion group with the intent of promoting Democratic values.
- The club has \$4,023.79 on hand.

Officer's Reports:

Chair Curry

- Announcing Mill Garrett as alternate for John Sheehy in District 3.
- Annual membership dues deadline is Jan. 31st; after this date unpaid members will not be able to vote until paid up. Fee is \$15/yr, which can be paid online directly to ActBlue.
- Letters to be sent to associate members for renewal.
- Convention Delegates: pay / reserve room ASAP.
- Pre-endorsement voting for eligible members due by January 30th. Ballot forms available on line (CaDem.org). Voting members representing a district and assembly district delegates are eligible. 100% participation is expected of Lake County voters.

- 1/23: will go to Gridley w. Keep It California.
- Secured venue for South County for the rest of 2016.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- Dem 2016 monthly contributions renewal due now. Those who are not contributing monthly it is highly recommended and extremely helpful to the party.
- 12/15: Board of Supervisors rescinded State of Jefferson resolution.
- 12/29: Had lunch with Supervisor Steele.
 - ✓ Meetings scheduled with other Supervisors. Specifically seeking to connect with Supervisor Brown, who has decided to run again.
- Mike McGuire: \$3.5 million to Lake County
 - ✓ McGuire is the guest speaker at the LCD meeting 1/12. Show your appreciation and support by attending the meeting.
 - ✓ Consider attending McGuire’s annual event “Winter Wow” event.

Secretary Rubin:

No report except that MATH meetings the last couple of months have been mostly about selecting new officers interspersed with updates on fire recovery.

Treasurer Evans:

- Balance on hand is \$4,007.
- Final balance for 2015 is \$2,241; better than forecast due to cancellation of the BBQ, donations from Hilary Crosby’s house party, as well as money for commemorative glasses collected by Holley Luia.
- 2016 budget will be announced at the February meeting.
- Tentative BBQ net to date is \$5,759

Details available upon request.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Carlos announced the candidacy of Jose (Moke) Simon to the D-1 open seat on the Board of Supervisors. He will be our guest speaker at the February central committee meeting.
- Voting members and those who are seeking to be elected to the central committee: nomination process is open until March 11, the deadline for submitting signature

petitions with 20 signatures of democrats in your supervisorial district. New term will begin August 2016.

- ✓ Available seats per district: D-1 four, D-2 three, D-3 five, D-4 five and D-5 five.
- ✓ If there are more qualified candidates than there are open seats, your name will appear on the ballot in June and the democratic voters of your district will elect you.

Go to county Registrar of Voters office to collect your signature petitions (Diane Fridley).

Finance:

Chair Evans

No report.

Issues:

Chair Green (absent):

- State of Jefferson: Thanks to Supervisor Tony Farrington it was put on the agenda and was subsequently completely rescinded by the BoS.
- Regional State of Jefferson update:
 - ✓ Sierra County rejected SoJ for the ballot, as did Trinity County.
 - ✓ City of Anderson declined to hear SoJ.
 - ✓ Plumas County put it on the ballot, but has since put it on Board of Supervisors agenda to rescind.
 - ✓ State of Jefferson rally in Sacramento recently.
 - ✓ Details to come soon for June ballot propositions.
 - ✓ www.keepitcalifornia.org.

Voter Registration:

No report.

- Thanks to Wanda H., Gillian and Joanne for turning in completed registration forms.
- Only need a few more registered voters to be eligible for the bounty money.

On Going Business:

- Shirley H. on the change of venue for the North county meetings every other month:
 - ✓ All Methodist churches have recreation rooms. Kelseyville said they can't allow political parties to rent.
 - ✓ Kelseyville senior center: have a very small rec. room. They are asking \$50/month.
 - ✓ \$50/month is the maximum cost we are willing to pay.
 - ✓ Venue needed by 2/4/16 for Central Committee meeting.
 - ✓ Check request needed by 1/21 at the latest.

- ✓ Sherriff's Dept has meeting rooms on Martin Street available at no cost.
- ✓ Shirley, James and Adckinjo will collaborate on securing a venue due by 1/21 at the latest.

Motion by Joy S.: Put this topic on the people who took on finding the new venue. Anyone with ideas for venues should contact Shirley or Gillian off line.

- Fundraising: Mike Thompson's Annual Ravioli Feed March 26 at the Black Rock golf course in Cobb with dessert silent auction organized by the Central Committee.
- Spring candidate event mid-April with our endorsed candidates: Volunteers needed to organize, find venue, contact candidates and invite attendees. Joy is considering it, as is Dave.
- SnoPac Campaign Volunteer Training:
 - ✓ Participants will be: Becky, Adckinjo, Anne, Debra, Carlos and Holley. Possible wait list: Wanda H. and Monica R.
 - ✓ Funded by Labor organizations.
 - ✓ \$1500 offered by SnoPac to send Lake County people to this training, as well as \$2500 from Mike Thompson.
 - ✓ Training takes place on 1/28 and 1/29 at the Sacramento Labor Council.
 - ✓ Applications due by 1/21.
 - ✓ Process of selection for this training: offered first to Executive Board, then voting members, then associate members.

Announcements:

- Monica R.:
 - ✓ Candidate for D-1 BoS passed around her petition.
 - ✓ Statement that Supervisor seat is non-political and Supervisor Brown's contributions to the South County after the Valley Fire.
 - ✓ Current Supervisors who are registered democrats: D-4 Farrington and D-2 Smith.
- Adckinjo announced he just heard back from Brian Martin: the Sherriff's Department has two conference rooms available for free.
- Joey L.: On 2/9 at the CalPine center Fiona Ma of the State Board of Equalization will hold a small business seminar starting at 9:00 am. No cost to attend. Topics will be fire recovery, tourism and wine industry.

Next meeting will be on Thursday February 4, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at Kelseyville Senior Center 5245 3rd St, Kelseyville, CA 95451

Adjourned 8:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.