

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
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**MINUTES**

Meeting of Thursday, February 4, 2016  
Kelseyville Senior Center, 5245 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Kelseyville

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll call was taken by circulating an attendance sheet.

**Voting Members Present:**

District 1: R. Green; A. Rubin; District 2: S. Howland;

District 3: J. Evans; District 4: M. Harris; District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki;

Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrook (Thompson); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Alternates: L. Matthews (D-3 Rigod); M. Garrett (D-3 Sheehy); A. Donner-Chavez (D5- Luia)

Club representative: D. Boivin

**Voting Members Absent:**

District 1: C. Negrete; District 2: L. Baron; W. Manners; District 3: L. Rigod; J. Sheehy

District 4: V. Cerenio; T. Jordan District 5: H. Luia; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire)

**Guests:**

Suzanne and Burt Tunzi from district 5.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Jan. 7, 2016 Minutes:**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:**

- Adckinjo Esutoki talked about how interesting he thought the Iowa caucuses were.
- Dave Smith attended the pre-endorsement conference in Fairfield.
- Suzanne Tunzi watched the Bernie Sanders Town Hall, which was the reason she decided to come to the Central Committee meeting. She has a group of friends she will work with to support Bernie Sanders.
- Debra Boivin stated the closest campaign for Bernie is in Cloverdale.

- Becky emphasized we, as the Central Committee, will not endorse a candidate for president. We will support the party candidate once we have a nominee in June. People wanting to help a specific campaign will need to contact them directly.
- There is a Lake Co. Bernie Sanders FB page. Go to each campaign's web site to get more information on their local activities and locations.
- Adckinjo had a conversation with a group of ultra-conservative current and former law enforcement officers. Some of the things said by these ex-officers really drove home the importance of voting in the upcoming elections.
- Wally mentioned there is someone working to re-awaken the Republican Party in Lake County, which has been inactive for a long time. Becky confirmed there was a woman picking up her nomination petitions for the republican central committee at the Registrar of Voters, when she went there.
- Shirley expressed concern over the high number of none-voters. Asked for ideas on how we can reach them.

#### **Appointments & Resignations:**

Harold Riley has resigned as D-2 regular voting member. Committee members expressed sadness over losing Harold.

Becky asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Harold Riley from the central committee: **M:** Joy Swetnam. **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Adckinjo Esutoki. Motion **approved**.

**Guest speaker:** None.

#### **Legislator's Reports:**

##### **Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook:**

- January 4, 2016 Thompson joined President Obama in Washington DC for his planned executive orders to reduce gun violence.
- U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, Chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, issued a statement in support of the President's executive orders on gun safety and background check loop holes. This action will make our country safer.
- January 5, 2016 the Congressman commented that the executive action clarifies the vague interpretation on "gun sales". For more on the executive actions go to <http://mikethompson.house.gov/>.
- The Congressman commented on the State of the Union address, saying the President is doing a good job, addressing climate change and gun violence, among other things. For full details on the State of the Union address, go to <http://mikethompson.house.gov/>.

- Congressman Thompson's Ravioli Feed date will be held on March 19, 2016, (changed from March 26<sup>th</sup>) at Boutique Winery on Red Hills Rd. in Kelseyville. Time TBA. Usually held around 5-7 pm.
  - Dessert auction is cancelled this year due to the change in venues.
  - Becky will send out the announcement as soon as she receives it.

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

*Congress Member John Garamendi Representative J.Swetnam*

No report.

- Garamendi is planning to hold a Town Hall meeting in Clearlake Oaks. Details TBA. Joy will forward information for posting on our web site as soon as it becomes available.
- Garamendi issued a press release on 8/28 that he had authored a bill banning private drones within 2 miles of forest fires and airports. Update on this bill to come later.

Congressman Garamendi's website is <http://garamendi.house.gov/>.

*Becky on behalf of State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz (absent):*

- Legislature has reconvened and is working on introducing bills to be debated and passed this year. Introduction deadline is 2/19.
- The budget was released a few weeks ago and is one of the strongest in decades.
  - The Senator is please to see an increase in education funding.
  - Funding for the Lake County communities' Valley Fire recovery.
  - Continuing to work on vacation rental legislation.
  - Continuing to push legislation to ban all offshore drilling in California.
- The Senator has partnered with Assembly Member Wood to demand answers from ATT regarding their network outages and lack of reporting over the last year.
- McGuire continues to be active in helping the crab industry due to the loss of the crab season. He has asked the Governor to declare a state of emergency to assist fishermen at risk of losing their boats.

Links on our web site [www.lakecountymocrats.org](http://www.lakecountymocrats.org).

Mike McGuire's website is <http://sd02.senate.ca.gov/>

*Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard):*

No report.

Bill Dodd's website is <http://asmdc.org/members/a04/>

**Club Reports:**

*Debra Boivin, Lake County Democratic Club:*

Debra summarized the last LCDC meeting which took place on 1/12/16 in Lower Lake. Minutes available on the Club website at [www.lakecountymethodistclub.org](http://www.lakecountymethodistclub.org).

- Next LCDC meeting will be on Tuesday 2/9/16 at the United Methodist Church in Lower Lake at 6:30.
- Cecilia Aguiar-Curry is the scheduled guest speaker.

**Stonewall Club:**

Members have voted to disband the Club. Eight members were present at the final meeting.

- A donation of \$200 was given to Planned Parenthood.
- \$200 was given to Wanda Harris to attend the convention.
- The dinner at the final meeting was paid for out of the Club treasury.
- The remainder of their funds was given to the Democratic Party of Lake County Central Committee (\$ 3,900).

**Officer's Reports:**

**Chair Curry:**

- Pre-endorsement voting was on Saturday 1/30. Thanks to Dave for going. 70 % of the vote needed to win the party endorsement. No candidate for AD-4 received 70 % of the vote. Results were:
  - Dan Wolk - 63.8%
  - Don Saylor - 26.7%
  - Cecilia Aguiar-Curry - 3.8%
- The race moves to a caucus of Democratic State Central Committee members at the 2016 California Democratic Party State Convention on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February.
- Wally suggested we give the candidates a second look before the caucusing at the convention. We should take advantage of the many meetings and events in our county to hear more from the candidates.
- Don Saylor is having an event at Gillian Parrillo's on 2/20.
- Candidates will be in attendance at the Wine & Chocolate fundraising event for Lake Family Resource Center on 2/6 at Mt. Konocti winery in Finley.
- Don Saylor will be on Ron Green's radio show on KPZ Sat.2/6 at 10:00 am.

- Becky attended a Keep it California ballot campaign organizing meeting for Lassen County.
- She also attended the SnoPac training in Sacramento with five other DCC members.
- Recertified MO access. Adckinjo agreed to be the co-administrator.
- Thanks to Gillian and Shirley for finding our new venue at the Kelseyville Senior Center.
- Sent letter to Lake County Democratic Club regarding re-charter deadline on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Becky and Holley will send out letters to those DCC members who have yet to renew their membership for 2016.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- Thanked Debra Boivin for being his proxy to the convention.
- Mentioned web site problems both for the DCC and the Club.
- Attended SnoPac training.

Secretary Rubin:

- Attended SnoPac training, which was very informative and fun. It provided essential information and guidance to prospective candidates and campaign staff.
- Held a meet & greet for Don Saylor with Greta Zeit at her B&B on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Small crowd, but worthwhile.
- Thanking the Stonewall Democratic Club for their donation of \$200 to Planned Parenthood.
- Old news: Hidden Valley Lake Association resolved its dispute with Laborers Local 324. The contract was renewed for another year. The union dropped the charges against HVLA who promised not to repeat the misconduct.
- HVLA General Manager resigned; the association is recruiting at this time.
- HVLA elections in November resulted in a Board of Directors consisting of only four directors since three directors were recalled. The association will not hold elections to fill the three open seats at this time due to cost.
- Adckinjo commented that the HVLA golf course had an outside firm come and do an assessment of the viability of the course. Their recommendation was not to close the course, but to make some operational adjustments to rein in the cost and need for HOA

members' annual subsidies. They also pointed out that the golf course workers' salaries are higher than at other similar courses.

Treasurer Evans:

- We received \$165 in dues, \$95 in additional donations and \$500 from the Food and Commercial Workers' Union for sponsorship of the Spring Candidate Event.
- We paid \$450 to Diablo for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2015, \$350 in 2016 rent and deposit for the Kelseyville meeting space and \$1,500 for the six members to attend the SnoPac training.
- Our balance on hand is \$2,467.

Full report available upon request.

Adckinjo thanked James for his excellent work as our Treasurer.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Election committee will have to get together ASAP to vote on local endorsements. Also need to decide when to send out questionnaires. We will vote on endorsements in April.
- Those running for Central committee seats: get your nominating papers from the Office of Registrar of Voters. You will need 20-40 signatures of registered Democrats in your district. Deadline is March 11, 2016.

**Motion** to share the list of democrats on the Central Committee with any potential candidates: Debra Boivin, 2<sup>nd</sup>: James Evans. **Motion approved.**

- Ron mentioned he stopped at the Registrar's office and asked about fire victims who lost their homes. He was told that if they intend to re-build, fire victims can vote based on former address.

Finance:

- 2016 budget was discussed and approved by the finance committee. The committee approved budget, which was handed out to members at the meeting.
- DCC received \$3,400 from the Stonewall Club; more than originally anticipated.

**Motion** to approve the budget: James Evans / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Debra Boivin. **Motion approved.**

Issues:

Chair Green

- Chair Curry encouraged Ron Green to convene the committee to discuss upcoming ballot measures in June. Secretary of State Alex Padilla’s web site is the best source for this information, including qualified ballot measures.
- State of Jefferson: Becky attended a Keep It California meeting held in Gridley. Lassen County Board of Supervisors has voted to put SoJ issue on the ballot in June. Lake County set a precedent by getting the BoS to rescind the ballot measure. Amador County has taken theirs off the ballot, Sierra County passed a resolution that they want to remain in California, Nevada County will not move on it, and Plumas County repealed their ballot measure action. We do need to fight back against the infiltration of the State of Jefferson movement. Keep It California is working on Lassen County to follow Lake County’s example.
- Wal-Mart Superstore expansion: Wal-Mart sent out a survey mailer.
  - Becky recommended that those who received a survey fill it out and send it back to them.
  - Another idea was to send the survey to the Clearlake City Planning Commission.
  - DPLC opposes the expansion.
  - A full EIR is still needed, due to too much time having elapsed since the previous EIR being.
  - Clearlake Planning Commissioner Bill Perkins is resigning.

**Voter Registration:**

**Becky Curry**

- We need 11 more Democratic registrations to qualify for our “bounty”. For optimum bounty we need phone number, email and vote-by-mail.
  - The voter registration cards eligible for the bounty must be the ones Becky has registered with the State Party.
  - A new bounty program will be rolled out after the convention.
- Where should the fire victims vote and do they need to re-register: Sample ballots go out in early May, which have the polling place printed on them.
  - Local radio stations could make an announcement.
  - We could also announce in social media.
  - Send press releases to local papers, the Press Democrat and the on-line “news paper” in Middletown.
  - Team Lake County website provides information to fire victims.
  - Anne offered to make an announcement at the MATH and Judge’s Breakfast meetings during the public comment portion of their agendas.

- Shirley, Becky, Debra and Anne will work on a strategy for getting this information out. Ron offered to help, as well.
- Discussion on whether we should also consider a communiqué regarding open primary: Top two vote getters go on to November election, which seems to confuse some voters.

**On Going Business:**

- Convention update: Hotels are booked up. Speakers will be Barbara Boxer and Robert Reich.
- Spring candidate event: This is a GOTV event and an opportunity to introduce the endorsed candidates to the community.
  - Twin Pine event center is not available. We need an alternate venue for \$250 (budgeted),
  - We will be pouring wine and serving finger foods.
  - We need ample parking,
  - Approximately 100 people estimated to attend.
  - We need invitations and a media strategy and
  - We should have an event committee.
  - Possible dates are April 23, 24, 30 or May 1.
  - The following people are working on organizing this event: Becky, Lenny, Dave, Debra, Joy, Shirley, Adckinjo and Anne. First task is finding a venue and deciding on a date, then food, beverages and logistics. Additional help is welcome.
- We could also invite representatives from the presidential campaigns.

**Announcements:**

- Adckinjo reminded the group that Dem2016 is on-going. Sign up for a regular monthly donation to cover party expenses such as flyers and door hangers.
- KPZ guest on Saturday 2/6 @ 10:00 am (repeated on Mon. 2/8 @ 10) will be Candidate for Assembly District 4, Don Saylor. Dan Wolk couldn't come on the 13<sup>th</sup>, so Ron invited Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. Dan will come at a different date.
- Adckinjo: Dan Wolk is having a door to door precinct walk 3-5 pm on 2/6. Call 530-848-3220 for details.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday March 3, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lower Lake Methodist Church.**

**Adjourned 8:05 pm.**

*Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.*



