

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, April 7, 2016
Kelseyville Senior Center, 5245 3rd St., Kelseyville

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: C. Negrete; A. Rubin; District 2: S. Howland;

District 3: J. Evans; L. Rigod; J. Sheehy District 4: V. Cerenio; T. Jordan; M. Harris; District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki; H. Luia;

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

Alternates: A. Dohner-Chavez (D5- Luia); D. Smith (D-2 Manners); L. Bean (D-4 Jordan); J. Knox (D-4 Cerenio)

Club representative: D. Boivin

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: R. Green; District 2: W. Manners; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire)

Associate Members Present:

M. Rosenthal (D-1)

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Jan. 7, 2016 Minutes:

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Appointments & Resignations:

- Anne Rubin will take on Membership and Press Release duties.
- Members who collected signatures are as follows:
 - ✓ D-1 Anne, Ron and Wanda; there is 1 open seat;
 - ✓ D-2 Shirley and Dave, 1 open seat;
 - ✓ D-3 James, John, Louis with 2 open seats;
 - ✓ D-4 Virginia and Tom; 3 open seats ;
 - ✓ D-5 Debra, Holley and Areli, 1 open seat.
- Anyone interested in being appointed in August should let Becky know.

- Larry bean will be Tom Jordan's new alternate.

Guest speaker: Monica Rosenthal, Candidate for Board of Supervisors, District 1.

- She gave a campaign update.
- Announced a mixer at Fults Family Vineyard on 4/17/16 @ 4pm.
- District 1 candidate forum at CalPine on 4/21 at 7:00 pm.
- On 4/22 she will have a get-together 4-8 pm @ Sammi's Sandwich place in Lower Lake.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook:

- Rep. Thompson dedicated Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.
- On March 8th Rep. Thompson hosted an educational forum on substance abuse and dangers of self-medication.
- On March 30th Rep. Thompson hosted discussion on legislation to improve and protect social security with seniors from the 5TH district.
- On March 24th Rep. Mike Thompson spoke on rail safety during the final day of the 3-day Railroad Hazardous Materials Awareness Training.
- On March 23rd Thompson and 163 Bipartisan members of Congress urged appropriators to provide funds to strengthen criminal background check system.
- On March 10th Rep. Mike Thompson urged Napa residents to apply for earthquake retrofit grants before expiration.
- Rep. Thompson announced \$325,000 for Contra Costa County Health Services Department.
- Rep. Thompson announced more than \$400,000 for Santa Rosa Community Health Centers.
- Northern California Representatives respond to significant cuts to salmon season. Fishing days cut by 45%.
- Thompson expressed thanks to those attending the successful Ravioli Feed.

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

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative Swetnam

No report.

Last month he visited with Central Committee members at the Happy Garden restaurant in Clearlake Oaks, prior to his senior Round Table meeting at the Live Oak Senior Center.

Train transport safety was one of the topics brought up with the congressman. Congressman Garamendi's website is <http://garamendi.house.gov/>.

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz (absent):

No report.

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

Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard:

- Investing in our future by working on "Closing the word gap" in children. Children of lower income families have a significant deficit in vocabulary, a serious disadvantage in their future economic and educational success.
- Earthquake related issues.
- Running for re-election.

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

Club Reports:

Debra Boivin, Lake County Democratic Club (absent):

No report.

- Next meeting will be held on 4/12/16 at the Lower Lake Methodist Church at 6:30 pm.
- There will be a short business meeting to consider endorsing Monica.
- The speaker will be Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Candidate for State Assembly District 4.

Minutes available on the Club website at www.lakecountymethodistclub.org.

Officer's Reports:

Chair Curry:

- Please take some yard signs for Dan Wolk, John Garamendi, Mike Thompson and window signs for Kamala Harris.
- Attended the Thompson Ravioli Feed.
- There are still openings to run for Democratic National Committee delegate to Philadelphia.
 - Dave Smith signed up to be a delegate for Hillary
 - Areli Dohner-Chavez will be a delegate for Bernie.
 - Caucuses will be held on May 1st. Location and time TBA.
- Follow-up on endorsed vs. non-endorsed campaign activity, per Gary Shay, California Democratic Party Rules Chair: Members cannot be removed for supporting non-

endorsed candidate or saying vote for the non-endorsed candidate, but you **can** be removed for telling voters **not** to vote for the endorsed candidate.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- Attended Ravioli Feed.
- Web site problems resolved; now up and running.
- Collected signatures, lost them, then found them again, but it was too late to submit.

Secretary Rubin:

- Attended MATH meeting
 - Speaker was Susan Jen of Lake County Wellness Roadmap.
 - The heavily fire damaged Trailside Park was discussed
- Attended Mike Thompson's Ravioli Feed at Boatique Winery
 - Great venue, lots of fun. Too bad we couldn't do the dessert auction.
- Attended Monica's meet & greet at Greta's Backyard Garden Oasis Bed and Breakfast.
- Planned Parenthood news:
 - PP endorsed Hillary for president.
 - Birth control over the counter without prescription (SB 443) just passed.
 - Multiple actions on women's health: 48 bills to limit access, 19 votes to restrict access, 7 votes to defund PP, etc.
 - Parental notification initiative fizzled out and won't be on the ballot this time due to lack of signatures.

Treasurer Evans:

- General Fund:
 - \$105 in dues received in March
 - \$500 sponsorship from Mike McGuire
 - \$25 from CLDC for re-charter of Club
 - \$650 spent on insurance
 - \$450 on convention reimbursements
 - \$259 for event center rental balance due and \$500 for refundable cleaning deposit
 - \$100 for Concerts on the Green for 6 month event series
 - Our balance on hand is \$3,530.
- Budget:
 - 1st quarter \$3,042 short due to not having received the check from the Stonewall Club disbandment yet. A check in the amount of \$3,402 was just now delivered. It will go on the 2nd quarter books.
 - \$270 and 18 memberships short of what was budgeted dues/donations goal.

- \$375 over budget expense due to the Middletown Mansion rental and deposit (budgeted in the 2nd quarter).
- \$292 under budget for convention reimbursements. Two attendees decided not to submit for reimbursement.
- Received \$1,000 in sponsor donations for the candidate event.
- Spent \$1,000 for event venue rent and cleaning deposit.

Full report available upon request.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Election committee (Becky, Judy, Holley, Wally, Ron, John, Virginia and Tom) met on 3/16 and recommend DPLC endorse Monica Rosenthal and donate \$250 to her campaign.
- Motion by Becky: DPLC endorse Monica Rosenthal for D-1 Board of Supervisor and donate \$250 to her campaign. 2nd: Adckinjo.

Discussion on Monica Rosenthal endorsement.

- Tom: call for the question. Vote: Approved unanimously.

Finance:

- We welcome Mill Garrett, the only new member this year.
- Candidate event sign-up passed around.
- Month-by-month action plan distributed. Mostly the same plan as last year. Available upon request.

Issues:

Becky on behalf of Chair Green (absent):

- Nuclear resolution regarding storage and transportation of nuclear waste, as well as investment in expansion of nuclear energy in California. (Full text available by request).
 - Motion by Shirley: Endorse the Nuclear proclamation 2nd: Joy.
 - Member discussion.
- Becky: Issues committee needs to meet and discuss before we endorse.
 - Shirley pulled her motion/Joy pulled her 2nd.
- Motion by Adckinjo to postpone endorsement of resolution until Issues committee has met, discussed and presented a recommendation to the membership. 2nd: Holley. Approved unanimously.

- Drug Price Relief Act discussion tabled until next month.

Voter Registration:

Becky Curry

- Diane Fridley's response to request by Becky, Ron, Anne and James regarding displaced voters' protocol. (Full response available upon request).
- We are less than 10 registrations short for the bounty.
- Voter registration at the Concert-on-the-Green third Friday every month. Anne will run it. Shirley and Holley will help on 4/15. Other volunteers welcome.

On Going Business:

- Upcoming events:
 - Lower Lake days is Sunday 5/29, Memorial Day weekend.
 - July 4th celebration in Clearlake.
 - Dave will have a booth at Walmart on 4/16.
 - Lake County Fair will take place 9/1-9/4, Labor Day weekend.
- Candidate event on Saturday 4/23:
 - Invitations sent out
 - Food: Joy, Judy, Mary
 - Storage run: Tom and Virginia
 - Wine: Monica and Debra
 - Sale of wine/beer glasses: Debra and Ceva
 - Buy beer, coffee, soda and water: Holley and Areli (we already have wine in storage).
 - Look for an email with event duties details.
 - Tickets available through ActBlue or at the door.
- Members chose Saturday October 8th for the annual BBQ at the Clearlake Senior Center.
 - Vice Chair, California Democratic Party, Eric Baumann, is available for the BBQ.
 - Election is on November 8th.
- Upcoming Candidate Forums:
 - D-1 on Thursday 4/21 at CalPine Center 6:00 pm.
 - D-5 on Thursday 4/28 at Black Rock 6:00 pm.
 - D-4 on Thursday 5/5 at Board of Supervisors chamber 6:00 pm.

Announcements:

Next meeting will be on Thursday May 5, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at Lower Lake Methodist Church.

Motion to adjourn: Joy.

Motion by Tom Jordan to amend motion to adjourn in memory of Marcelino Martinez, Democratic activist, who recently passed away. Joy: motion amended. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.