

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

**Meeting of Thursday May 5, 2016
Lower Lake United Methodist Church**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll call was taken by circulating an attendance sheet.

Voting Members Present:

District 1: A. Rubin; R. Green; Carlos Negrete / District 2: S. Howland; / District 3: J. Evans; L. Rigod; J. Sheehy / District 4: / District 5: B. Curry; Adckinjo Esutoki/
Ex Officio Alternates: W. Holbrook (Thompson); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Voting Members Absent:

District 2: W. Manners / District 4: V. Cerenio; T. Jordan; M. Harris / Club Rep: D. Boivin;
Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); Joey Luiz (McGuire)

Alternate Members Present

District 3: L. Matthews; / District 4: J. Knox

Alternate Members Absent: District 2: David Smith (Manners) / District 5: Areli Dohner-Chavez (Luia)

Associate Members Present:

District 1: Monica Rosenthal / District 3: Carlene Leskar; Richard East

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: James / 2nd: Wally. Approved as presented.

Approval of Feb. 2016 Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: James / 2nd: Adckinjo / Approved as presented.

Public Comment: Lewis discussed fracking in California and how it contaminates the water used to irrigate produce in the fields. Becky: "Issue committee might want to look into it".

Appointments & Resignations:

- Larry Baron has moved out of the area and is no longer a member of the Lake County Central Committee. Becky will inform the Registrar of Voters. Joy will create a certificate

of appreciation which will be mailed to him with a group photo of the central committee members.

- Debra B. has agreed to take over the leadership of the voter registration committee.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative (Holbrook):

- On April 4th and 5th Rep. Thompson visited free tax preparation clinics in the 5th District. There isn't a free tax clinic listed for Lake County. Wally will email Brad to find out if Lake County could get this service for next tax season.
- Thompson statement: "The myRA program provides Americans who don't have access to a retirement savings plan through work to have a new option of putting some of their tax refund into a myRA account, ensuring they have access to a long-term, stable, safe account where they can build up their savings."
- Reps. Thompson, Huffman and Eshoo hosted a roundtable with innovative local business leaders at Sonoma State University to discuss how Congress can better support and spur innovation locally and across the country.
- Reps. Thompson, Esty and King lead bi-partisan call to end gun riders in appropriations bills. "There is no justification for preventing scientific research into the causes of gun violence, or for restricting our ability to track and combat the spread of illegal guns. We ask our colleagues to bring forward clean, responsible spending bills, free from dangerous riders that handcuff law enforcement's ability to reduce gun violence."
- Rep. Thompson introduced legislation to modernize excise taxes on wine. (Wine Excise Tax Modernization Act, H.R. 4934).
- Thompson: USPS calls for bids for downtown Napa post office. The deadline for all bids was May 3, 2016.

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

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative (Swetnam):

- Congressman Garamendi is concerned about student loan debt. Many cannot pay their student loans; 30% default within the first 3 years. Garamendi introduced a bill, Student Loan Refinancing and Recalculating Act. ("Refinance, recalculate, reduce debt burden, reinvest").

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

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz (absent):

No report.

Assembly Member Dodd Representative Conard (absent):

No report.

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

Club Reports:

Vice Chair Richard East for Lake County Democratic Club Representative Boivin (absent):

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 5/12/16 starting with a brief business meeting at 6:30, followed by guest speakers Mr. McQueen, Superintendent of Kelseyville Unified School District, and Don Saylor, Candidate for State Assembly D-4. The meeting is held in the Methodist Church in Lower Lake.

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

Officer's Reports:

Chair Curry

- Re-organizing committee in August. For those who didn't collect signatures, if you want to be voting members in the central committee, let Becky know by July. In July we'll nominate for the open seats.
- Review of how the Democratic Party chooses its presidential nominee. Super Delegates have never overturned the popular vote. (Copy available upon request).
- Explanation of voter information pamphlet vs. sample ballot. CaDem.org will send an email slate.
- Info for displaced voters. (See web site www.lakecountymethodistclub.org.)

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- Had some Bernie swag to share.
- Posted a report on Bill Dodd: he got an "F" as a Democrat due to some of his contributors.
- Went to Monica's meet & greet.

Secretary Rubin:

- Reported back from the MATH meeting on April 14th :
 - Topics discussed were CalPine community garden project and the Dollar General store application.
- Concert-on-the Green April 15th: Registered 8 voters.
- Attended Monica's meet & greet at Fults Family Winery on April 17th

- Attended a Bernie potluck in Spring Valley on April 17th.
- Thanked Central Committee for the card and well wishes for husband Russ.

Treasurer Evans (read by Carlos):

- In April the balance on hand is \$3,767.
- Second quarter: we received dues from 33 members this year; the goal is 100.
- We're \$48 short of 2nd quarter budget goal.
 - Anticipated expenses in the next 2 months are approx. \$200 more than expected income.
 - 13 new or renewing members would make that up.
- We received a total of \$1907 from candidate event; less than budgeted for.
 - Final net proceeds will be reported next month after all reimbursement requests have been received.
 - Deposit refund check received from the Middletown Mansion. It will be posted next month.
- Stonewall disbandment check not yet received.

Full report available upon request.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Phone banking and canvassing for Monica: sign-up sheet circulated.
- Sat. 5/7: walk with Dan Wolk in Rohnert Park.
- Election committee will meet before June for discussions on what is coming up in the fall races.

Finance:

Chair Evans

- Five new members joined in April. (Larry Bean, Fiona Ma, Dan Wolk, David Neft and Dotty LeMieux).
- We are behind in renewals and recruitments.
- Candidate event was attended by 41 people.
 - Adckinjo brought one person who had not previously attended. He registered one voter, signed up 4 club members and 3 committee members.
- Received \$50 in wine glass donations at the candidate event.

Voter Registration:

- Bounty check earned; Becky sent in 51 registration forms and we will receive a check for that.
- Voter registration events: (sign-up sheets circulated)
 - Diabetes Fair May 14th in Austin Park, Clearlake.
 - May 29th at the Lower Lake Days.
 - July 2nd at the Redbud Parade and Festival in Clearlake.
 - The 3rd Friday every month through September in Hidden Valley Lake 5-8 pm.
 - We need Fair volunteers; sign-ups starting next month.

Issues:

Chair Green :

- California Drug Price Relief Act and Nuclear Waste Resolution will be postponed until next meeting.
- Issues committee meeting will be on May 24,25 or 26 @Judy's or Joy's. Members are: Ron, Louis, Shirley, Judy, Wally, Joy, Areli and Joey.
- Email Ron with issues you are interested in the committee working on. You may attend committee meetings and give a presentation to the committee. (rongreen@exede.net)

On Going Business:

- BBQ will be held on Saturday October 8th at the Clearlake Senior Center 2-5 pm.
 - David Neft is not available. Andre' Williams has been secured to provide the music.
 - BBQ volunteer sign-up sheet circulated.
 - Becky has started contacting legislators for sponsorships and attendance.
 - Adckinjo is taking care of the paperwork.

Announcements:

- Ron's radio show will have the following guests 10:00 am KPFZ:
Voris Brumfeld on 5/10, Phillip Reimers on 5/14 and Moke Simon on 5/28.
Request recording of missed show for \$5.
- Monica will be on Lenny's radio show next Thursday.
- Monica needs help putting up signs.

Next meeting will be on Thursday June 2nd , 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at Kelseyville Senior Center,5245 3rd St., Kelseyville.

Adjourned 8:15 pm.

Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary