

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, June 2nd, 2016
Kelseyville Senior Center, 5245 3rd St., Kelseyville

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 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: L. Rigod; J. Sheehy District 4: M. Harris; District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki;
Alternates: D. Smith (D-2 Manners); J. Knox (D-4 Cerenio); L. Bean (D-4 Jordan)
Club representative: D. Boivin

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: C. Negrete; District 2: W. Manners; District 3: J. Evans; District 4: V. Cerenio; T. Jordan District 5: H. Luia; Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire); J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrook (Thompson); J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: Adckinjo/ 2nd: Anne/ Approved unanimously as amended. (Issues committee has four items on the agenda).

Approval of May 5th, 2016 Minutes:

Motion to approve 5/5/16 minutes: Adckinjo / Minutes approved as submitted.

Public Comment:

- Anne: Bernie will be in Cloverdale on 6/3/16 @ 7:30. He will have Susan Sarandon with him. See Lake County for Bernie FB page for details.
- Becky: Those who wish to be on the central committee and didn't collect signatures should let Becky know ASAP for the re-organization. Election of officers will be in January.
- Thanks to Dave S. for agreeing to take the D-2 vacant spot on the election committee.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook (absent):

See report on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org.

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

No report. 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 (absent):

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

Club Reports:

Debra Boivin, Lake County Democratic Club:

- Next Club meeting will be Tu. 6/14/16 in Lower Lake @ 6:30 pm. There will be a short business meeting followed by a potluck and conversation.
- Minutes available on the Club website at www.lakecountymdemocraticclub.org.

Officers' Reports:

Chair Curry:

- Sent a letter and certificate of appreciation to Larry Baron.
- No news yet on the Walmart expansion. EIR will probably come out in July.
- Petition opposing Dollar General in the Riviera circulated by Debra.
- Volunteered for Monica and Dan Wolk campaigns.
- Phone banked for Monica and Dan campaigns.
- Worked the voter registration booth.
- E-board: Will be voting on who represents California as Democratic National Committee members.
- Asked candidates about super delegates: all those questioned were supportive of reform. List of people running from California, with their responses, passed around.
- Campaign office needed for Aug-Oct. Budget for campaign office is unknown at this time (\$1,000 guestimate). Dave, Louis and John volunteered to look for appropriate space in good location.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- Event canopy missing; Shirley and Debra have it. They need help transporting it due to weight/size.
- Made calls for Monica; she needs help right now. Becky is going to collect call lists.
- Invited two guests for tonight. They seemed excited about getting involved with the Democratic Party but they didn't show up.
- Web contact for CDP is Candelaria Vargas.
- Do we have a media person who could plan and set up an election watch party? We only have 4 days.
- Attended Rob Brown's debate.

Secretary Rubin:

- Did not attend the Middletown Area Town Hall meeting.
- Did voter registration at the Hidden Valley Lake Concert-on-the Green with Shirley, Debra and Jim.
- Helped at the booth at Lower Lake Daze.

Treasurer Evans (absent):

Report handed out.

- Stonewall money deposited in Central Committee account. Amount deposited: \$3,533.36. Also deposited \$131.04 from the CDP Bounty Program (incentive for registering voters).
- Our balance on hand is \$6,939.80.

Full report available upon request.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Committee hasn't met, but will do so before July meeting.
- Volunteer sign-ups to make calls for Monica Rosenthal: 6/5/16 1-5 pm and 6/7/16 4-6 @ Monica's. Call lists available for those who wish to call from home.
- Debra has Dan Wolk's list for calling: phone banking from home.
- We're calling Democrats only.
- Debra has offered to drive folks to vote; no takers so far.
- Election night results watching at the Greenview with Monica.
- 6/7/ Monica sign-holders needed in district 1.

Finance:

James Evans, Treasurer (absent):

No report.

Issues:

Chair Green:

Little response from committee members to call for meeting.

Four current issues:

1. **Drug relief act:** There is opposition from AIDS groups. Ron recommends we temporarily table the item.

Larry: In the past, big unions had a good finger on the pulse due to resources to research and were correct about which way a vote would go.

Becky: Democratic Party may stay neutral on this issue at e-board. Ron: Call the question. All in favor to table this issue.

2. **Nuclear waste resolution:** the problem is the word "existing". Resolution is strongly anti-nuclear power, but this word suggests there should be no upkeep of existing plants.

Discussion: Shirley prepared and distributed handouts with more information about the resolution and her reasons for opposing tabling the issue.

Anne commended Shirley for her preparations and suggested we be provided with time to read materials on all issues brought before the committee before a discussion and vote.

Motion by Ron to temporarily table the item. Approved unanimously.

3. State legislature seeking **ban on single-use plastic bags**. Plastic bag industry collected signatures to get the issue on the November ballot as a referendum. If you favor the ban, you need to vote "YES" on this.

Motion by Ron to support yes on the ban. Approved unanimously.

Becky will be voting at the e-board representing our position. Ron: requested we endorse in advance of e-board meeting.

4. On the November ballot: **Abolish the death penalty**

Motion by Ron to support the initiative on the November ballot that abolishes the death penalty. 2nd: Debra. Some discussion ensued. Vote: 11 in favor; 1 opposed.

Resolution committee will meet in July at e-board on 6/17: resolutions may not be discussed at e-board. Becky will contact authors of the nuclear power resolution regarding their timeline.

Voter Registration:

Becky Curry:

- Debra has Fair shifts sign-up sheet; please sign up for shifts.
- Also circulated sign-up sheets for City of Clearlake Redbud Parade on July 2nd and Concerts-on-the-Green.
- BBQ volunteer sign-ups circulated:
 - Moira H. requested that estimated value of items be noted for the silent auction.
 - Becky suggested Moira help running the auction.

Announcements:

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

Adjourned 7:56 pm.

Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.