

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, August 4th, 2016

United Democratic Campaign Headquarters 390 N Main St. Lakeport

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; W. Harris; R. Green District 2: S. Howland; District 3: J. Evans; J. Sheehy; L. Rigod; District 4: T. Jordan; V. Cerenio; District 5: B. Curry; H. Luia;

Alternates: A. Dohner-Chavez (Luia)

Club representative: D. Boivin

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

Voting Members Absent:

Ex Officio Alternates: J. Luiz (McGuire)

Associate members present:

Barbara Nuckols; Monica Rosenthal;

Guests: Sky Hoyt

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: James / Approved as amended.

Approval of July 7, 2016 Minutes:

Motion to approve 7/7/16 minutes: Adckinjo/ Minutes approved as presented.

Public Comment:

- Louis: Read a short anti-Hillary letter-to-the-editor written by Matt McKay.
- Adckinjo: New Filipino president Duterte ran on an anti-drug platform and promised that if he won dealers may be shot on-sight. Since then 465 people have been shot and killed. This report is available on CNN.

Appointments and Resignations:

- Notice of appointment and oath of office given to Central Committee members to fill out and sign.
- Alternate oath forms were also distributed.
- Adckinjo and Carlos were nominated last month for the open seats in D-1 and D-5 Central Committee.

Vote to re-appoint Carlos and Adckinjo to these seats was unanimously approved.

Guest speaker: Clearlake City Councilmember Bruno Sabatier spoke about Measure V, a gas tax to benefit roads in the City of Clearlake. Detailed hand-outs passed around.

Copies available upon request.

Legislator's Reports:

Congress Member Mike Thompson Representative Holbrook:

- U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-05) issued a statement after Republican Leadership recessed the House of Representatives for seven weeks without a vote to address gun violence.
- Thompson applauded Obama administration for its bold new announcement of a cross government partnership, the "Clean energy for all Americans".
- Annadel Park has been re-named to honor Henry Trione.
- \$2.52 million in grants for Touro University.

Full report will be posted on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org.

Congress Member John Garamendi Representative J.Swetnam:

- Issued a 226th happy birthday to US Coast Guard. He is the ranking member of the House Coast Guard Maritime Transportation subcommittee.
- Press release issued: Urging the state water resource control board to vote against the Delta tunnels.
- Recruiting nominations for "2016 Woman of the Year".

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

Joy's comment: Coast Guard is not underfunded; legislative decisions have taken away resources causing huge security issues.

State Senator Mike McGuire Representative Luiz (absent):

No report. 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:

- Next Club meeting will be Tue. 8/9/16 in Lower Lake @ 6:30 pm.
- Pat Sabo will not be speaking at the meeting, as previously announced.
- Mitch Markowitz will speak.
- Two candidates from Middletown for school board will also be there.
- Minutes from last meeting are available on the Club website at www.lakecountymc.org.

Officers' Reports:

Chair Curry:

- Will attend a meeting in Red Bluff to refocus Keep It California campaign.
 1. Lassen County voted 66/30 against State of Jefferson in June.
- Attended a Walmart expansion meeting: See City of Clearlake website for project calendar.
 1. Public review period for the draft EIR will be in September-late October .
 2. Public comment period 45 days after.
 3. Planning Commission in December or January.

People living Clearlake may sign on to a letter opposing the Walmart expansion.

Unions have been contacted for support.

- Attended Monica's campaign meeting. Monica made it through the primary.
 - 1) Our role will be to help with field work.
- New member Barbara Nuckols: From "Stop Dollar General" in Kelseyville. They submitted 1300 signatures in opposition.
 - 1) Dollar General/Cross Development have another bid for a store at Hwy 29 –Live Oak intersection in Kelseyville.
 - 2) Planning commission hearing for the Riviera store will be 9/8th or 25th.
 - 3) There is a Facebook page, "Stop Dollar General".

- Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, candidate for Assembly District 4, having an open house Wed.8/10 at 6:00 pm in Winters. Address to come via email.
- Statewide Conference call: to figure out how to get all the democratic candidates elected. Prop 55 speakers to tour state.
- Slate mailer to target 7200 Democratic households in Lake County.
- Hillary organizer will be here sometime in August and will bring more Hillary swag.
- 150 yard signs have been ordered:
 - 1) Sign-up sheet circulated to reserve a sign.
 - 2) They'll be here in approx. 3 weeks.
 - 3) \$5/ea. suggested donation.
- Joe Wildman from Op-Engineers and CADem Vice Chair will get some Hillary gear, as well.
- Thanks to everyone who came to set up campaign office.
- Final appeal for a Middletown Dollar General store use permit application next week at the Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Gillian Parrillo will host a live streamed speech by Bernie introducing "Our Revolution" at the UDC Wed. 8/24 5:00pm.

Vice Chair Esutoki:

- Adckinjo: working on application for Senior Center BBQ liquor license.

Secretary Rubin:

- Attended Middletown Area Town Hall (MATH) meeting 7/14. One of the topics discussed was Dollar General. There was a lengthy and at times heated discussion with some arguing that the wishes of the MATH membership weren't accurately represented to the Board of Supervisors.
 - 1) A vote was held, with majority of people opposing Dollar General in Middletown.
- Attended opening of the campaign headquarters and DNC convention watch party.
- Husband Russ wrote a letter to the editor of Middletown Mercury News about the Wild Diamond Vineyard operation. Copies passed around.

Treasurer Evans:

Report handed out.

- We received \$1950 BBQ sponsor donations from Congressman Thompson, State Senator Mike McGuire and California Teachers' Association, North Bay Labor Council and Sonoma-Mendo-Lake Building Trade Unions.
- Paid \$150 to Diablo Accounting for June, \$223 for buttons and campaign stickers, \$50 for AIDS Walk booth \$15 voter registration supplies, \$165 candidate event beverages, \$800 for rent of campaign office, \$15 for lost check, and \$250 contribution to the campaign of Monica Rosenthal for District 1 supervisor.
- There is \$7,092 on hand.
- Money for swag etc. collected by **donation** only. We do not sell or charge for items.
- 3rd quarter budget: \$1156 surplus.
 1. Projected income from BBQ sponsorships and reservations will leave us in good shape at the end of the 3rd quarter.
- We have budgeted \$500 for campaign materials, but cost of supplies is higher than anticipated.

James Evans: Motion to increase campaign materials budget to \$900 to allow us to order 100 Hillary yard signs. 2nd: Wanda Harris. Approved unanimously.

Full report available upon request.

Elections:

Chair Curry:

- Filing closes 8/12th; incumbents get an extra 3 days.
- Joey Luiz is running for Clearlake City Council.
- Two Democratic candidates, Sean Millerick and Helena Welsh, are running for Middletown school board. Becky and Holley have met with both.
- Roberto Reyes (from the Cactus Grill) is running for Clearlake City Council but registered Republican approx. 8 mos. ago. He cannot run as a Democrat unless he's been registered as one for at least 6 mos. Considering revising our by-laws to have a shorter window.
- Candidates will receive endorsement questionnaires to apply for endorsement by the central committee. The election committee will then schedule interviews. Our recommendation must be submitted by 9/8, when the full committee will have a vote.

Finance Committee:

James Evans

- We received a reimbursement request and paid \$165 for candidate event beverages. Net for event \$1043. Details available upon request.
- We gained 2-3 new members and heard from strong supporters for Bernie and Hillary.
- BBQ: To increase attendance, help us by inviting Democrats. Sign-up sheet for tracking our success was circulated. Reservation forms also circulated.
- The decision to increase Club's membership recruitment and decrease Central Committee recruitment has led to a reduced membership of the Central Committee. We now have less than 50 members.
- Our costs are increasing. Various donations, sponsorships and the disbandment of the Stonewall Club have helped make up the difference, but we will need to find a way to increase regular income or we'll have to cut back on expenditures.
- At the September meeting James will make a motion to increase the annual dues from \$15 to \$20/year as of October 2016.

Issues:

Chair Ron Green:

- Meetings are open to everyone.
 - 1) Issues committee meeting will be on Thursday 8/25 at 6:30 pm at the Dem Office (390 N. Main, Lakeport).
 - 2) Contact Ron Green with any issues you want on committee agenda.
rongreen@exede.net / 707-272-3893.
- Committee members are: Ron, Shirley, Louis, Jim, Areli, Joey, Joy, Wally, Judy.
- Tentative agenda:
 1. Clearlake road tax aka. Measure V
 2. Nuclear waste resolution
 3. Overtime for farm workers- lobby Bill Dodd and Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
 4. KUSD construction bond.

Voter Registration:

Debra Boivin, Chair:

- Thanks to Monica Rosenthal for helping pack Debra's car for an event.
- Asking for volunteers to help out for events.
 1. Fair shifts sign-up sheet circulated; please sign up for shifts.

2. Help needed to pick up supplies from storage, set-up and break-down and returning to storage for County Fair and AIDS Walk event.
 3. Debra will set-up the cash box and collect it at the end of each day.
- Also circulated sign-up sheets for Power to the Youth 8/6, Hot Rods event Sat. 8/7@ HVL and Concerts-on-the-Green.
 - Campaign office hours: Tue, Fri. and Sat. 12-6 pm.
 - 1) Sign-up sheet for volunteering at the office circulated.
 - 2) Joy will set up TV for campaign office for three months with Mediacom cable. Donations requested to help pay for it.
 - 3) Thank you to Sonoma County Democrats who donated Hillary materials and a banner.

Ongoing Business:

- BBQ:
 - Virginia and Tom discovered a conflict with Senior Center reservation for 10/8. Becky will verify we have it, since we've paid and have a receipt.
 - The senior center does catering, if we want to go that route. Virginia asked for bid.
 - Inquiry will be made whether we could get Carle' youth to serve.
 - Another possibility: student government at Woodland Community College.
 - Silent Auction items: in-kind forms passed around; must accompany all donations. Bring items to campaign office to be collected by Norm and Celesta.

Announcements:

- Debra: Emerge is a great program for women to run as candidates.
- Becky: Fill out oath forms and return to her now.
- Give your alternates a form to fill out, as well.
- Joy: Before posting political comments on Face book, please fact check for accuracy to avoid spreading false rumors.
- Tom: Many youth don't vote because they think the ballot must be completed, when in fact they may vote for the items that interest them and leave the rest blank.
- Monica: Thanks for supporting her candidacy and for the check to her campaign.

Adjourned 8:26 pm.

Minutes recorded by A. Rubin, Secretary.