

Approved at March 2017 meeting

MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday February 2nd, 2017
Kelseyville Senior Center 5245 3rd St. Kelseyville

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order 6:40pm by Chair Carlos Negrete. Roll call taken by circulating an attendance sheet.

Voting Members Present:

District 1: S.Cameron, R.Green, C.Negrete;

District 2: S.Howland;

District 3: D.Baumann, J.Evans, L. Rigod, J.Sheehy;

District 4: L.Bean, V.Cerenio, T.Jordan;

District 5: D.Boivin, B.Curry, A.Dohner-Chavez;

Club Representative: D. Boivin

Ex-Officio Alternates: L.Matthews (Aguilar-Curry); J.Luiz (McGuire);

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: W.Harris (Excused – S.Cameron began meeting as her Alternate);

District 5: E.Adckinjo; H.Luia (Unexcused – neither alternate present)

Regular Member Alternates Present:

S. Pahwa (Negrete, D-1); M.Garrett (Sheehy, D-3); C.Lesker (Evans, D-3)

Associate Members present: D.Barron, R.East, A. Kennedy

Guests: Rob Coyle, Barbara Garrett, Anna Ravenwood

Approval of Agenda

D.Boivin requested to be added to New Business. **M/S/A**

Agenda approved as amended **(M/S by J.Luiz/B.Curry - Approved)**

Approval of Jan 5, 2017 Minutes:

Minutes approved as submitted **(M/S by J.Luiz/V.Cerenio - Approved)**

Public Comment

- D5 Member Boivin circulated a card for all to sign, for Wanda Harris.
- Anna Ravenwood suggested that the LC DCC encourage Congressman Mike Thompson to open a district office in Lakeport, could be multi-purpose/shared by other electeds, would provide local place for constituents to contact/communicate. Group discussed efforts already underway.
- Stephanie Pahwa announced she was appointed delegate to CADEM by Mike Thompson office.
- Ava Kennedy introduced herself as newly elected ADEM.
- D3 Member Evans said LC Democratic Club needs Secretary & Chair elected at next Club meeting.
- Rob Coyle wants Democrats to take action.

Appointments & Resignations

Alternate Appointments - Mill Garrett (D3 – Sheehy)

Approval of Nomination of Larry Bean for open seat in D4 **(M/S by J Evans/D Boivin – Approved)**

Approval of Nomination of Susan Cameron for open seat in D1 **(M/S by D Baumann/B Curry – Approved)**

Approval of Nomination of Jonathon Holt for open seat in D3 – NOMINEE NOT PRESENT - CARRIED

Open seats for regular members as follows:

D2 – 2 seats; D3 - 1 seat; D4 – 2 seats.

Open seats for alternates to regular members as follows:

D1 – 3 seats; D2 – 3 seats; D3 – 3 seats; D4 – 4 seats; D5 – 3 seats;

Officer Elections

B.Curry nominated S.Cameron for Assistant Treasurer **(M/S by B.Curry/D.Boivin – Approved)**

Legislator's Reports

Congress Member Thompson – no representative, B.Curry read report from Thompson office:

- Mike won a spot on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health. As Congress gets set to overhaul the Affordable Care Act, the Congressman will pushback against policies that would deny Americans coverage or send premiums skyrocketing.
- Mike marched with activists in Napa and called on Washington to respect a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions.
- Mike rejected the President's unconstitutional ban on Muslims and refugees. He joined protestors on the steps of the Supreme Court and signed onto the SOLVE Act, which would overturn and defund this executive order.
- In the aftermath of the ban, Mike worked with federal agencies to make sure two constituents who were stranded overseas could get back home to our district.
- Mike called on his colleagues in the Senate to reject nomination of Betsy DeVos for Secretary of Education.
- Mike reconvened the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. As Chairman, Mike is committed to fighting back against policies like mandated concealed carry that would put Americans literally in the line of fire. Mike called on Congress to protect lives—not risk them. He will soon reintroduce his bipartisan bill to expand background checks and close the loopholes in our system.
- Full report will be posted on the website, www.lakecountymocrats.org

Congress Member John Garamendi – no representative, no report
Visit <http://garamendi.house.gov/>

State Senator Mike McGuire – Alternate J.Luiz:

- Senator McGuire co-authored a Senate resolution Monday condemning the anti-immigration ban.
- He introduced SB 149 the Presidential Tax Transparency and Accountability Act. A presidential candidate's income tax returns provide voters with essential information regarding the candidate's potential conflicts of interest, domestic and international business dealings, financial status, and charitable donations.
- He continues to work to assist in rebuilding and recovery efforts in South Lake County after the Valley and Clayton Fires. He is hosting a Town Hall in Middletown to discuss a state program that has contracted with two local non-profits to build between 80-100 homes for low-income homeowners or renters who lost their homes in the Lake County fires. The Town Hall will be on Thursday, Feb 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Middletown Middle School.
- He continues to work very closely with Lake County and several state agencies who are partnering on the Anderson Springs sewer project so that folks there can rebuild their homes.
- He is taking over as Chairperson of the Governance and Finance Committee, responsible for hearing all legislation related to state and local government and special district revenue, taxes, all land use and development policy.
- He was also appointed to the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and the Budget Subcommittee on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation.
- Mike McGuire's website is <http://sd02.senate.ca.gov/>

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry - Alternate Lenny Matthews:

- Aguiar-Curry introduced AB 237 in order to help Californians pursuing English-language education or a High School Equivalency certificate receive state assistance for childcare services.
- She met with Supervisors Jim Steele, Rob Brown and Teena Scott as well as Sheriff Brian Martin. Looking for office space in Lakeport.
- She will be in Lake County on Feb. 16 to participate in the CalHome workshop.
- She has also been working closely with Sen. McGuire's office regarding Anderson Springs.
- Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry's website is <http://a04.asmdc.org/>

Club Reports:

Debra Boivin, Lake County Democratic Club: Club still needs to elect officers. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30p at Lower Lake Methodist Church.

Officer Reports:

Chair Negrete:

Attended meeting of the new Progressive Democrats of America group in January, possible redundancy given we already have the DCC and the LCDCC.

Vice Chair Curry:

Reported that she sent CADEM information needed to credential our DCC delegates. It is time to update the club Charter, will distribute information as she receives it.

Secretary Baumann:

Also attended meeting of the new Progressive Democrats of America group in January, explained PDA is different from DCC/LCDC in that PDA does not require members to be registered Democrats and, in fact, many members of the group are Independents, Greens, No Party Preference or other. Anyone interested can attend meetings which are 3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm at Round Table Pizza in Lakeport.

Treasurer Evans:

January 2017 (1-1-2017 to 1-31-2017) BOH = \$4,069.24

- **General Fund:**
Reported that Greg Sanborn, the DCC's previous accountant, has retired. Due to everything going on in December and January the transition to a new accountant had been delayed. All preliminary arrangements including the signed contract with new accountant now in place. All outstanding checks have cleared the DCC's bank account and Evans is in the process of setting up new accounts with new accountant Shwanda Deane. No deposits were made or checks written in January while setting up this transition. Balance on hand is \$4,069.
- **Full Year Budget:**
The 2017 DPLC Budget was emailed to the membership. For the year Evans estimates LC DCC will spend \$1,552 more than it takes in, and have a year end balance on hand of \$2,517. This is much less than Evans would like at the start of an election year, when LC DCC will want to spend more to promote democratic candidates. Evans urged group to bear this in mind when making decisions about raising and spending funds.
- **First Quarter Budget:**
Evans estimated \$1,500 in income in the first quarter primarily from dues and reservations for the 100 Day Dinner. He estimated \$3,900 in expenses primarily for operations expenses including the accountant and insurance plus the 100 Day Dinner costs. That would leave a balance on hand of \$1,666 which Evans worried is a bit lower than he would like, given the \$3,435 in estimated expenses for the second quarter.

Full report available upon request.

Discussion raised by S.Cameron regarding budget shortfall for 100 Day dinner, followed by group discussion of how expenses could be reduced and how many people would need to attend in order for event to break even. Organizing committee was requested to do further work and present new budget at March meeting.

B.Curry moved the report be approved, J.Sheehy seconded – **Approved with one abstention.**

Standing Committee Reports

Elections:

Chair Jordan:

Members – R.Green (D1), J.Sheehy (D3), T.Jordan (D4) H.Luia (D5), L.Matthews (AD4 Alternate), J.Luiz (SD2 Alternate).

- Adding Virginia Cerenio (D4) to the committee.
- Aside from lack of DCC reps for Congr Thompson and Congr Garamendi, Committee otherwise has full membership per DPLC Standing Rules.
- Jordan advised that there may be a new BOS candidate needed in two years.

Finance Committee:

Chair Evans:

Members – S.Cameron (D1), C.Negrete (D1), J.Evans (D3), V.Cerenio (D4), A.Esutoki (D5)

- 1 new member in January – Ava Kennedy
- A finance standing committee meeting has not yet been scheduled.

- Action Plan has been updated to include elections of officers and delegates, appointments to sub committees and timing of endorsements.
- 2017 BBQ Budget -- The gross income for the BBQ over the last 8 years ranges from \$6,000 to \$12,000. There is no pattern to the ups and downs by election years and off years. 2008, the year of the financial meltdown was a good year and so was last year, the year of the Lower Lake fire. The best year was 2013, an off year, and the worst year was 2009. Sponsor donations, attendance, beverages and the Silent Auction accounted for almost all of the increases in 2013. It is clear that increasing sponsorship and attendance increases income from several sources. Expenses were highest in 2008 at \$2,723. They have been reduced since then primarily by removing the two thirds of non respondents from the invitation mailing list without suffering a consequent reduction in attendance. This year's BBQ budget estimates are in the mid range of income and the low end of expenses resulting in the upper mid range of net proceeds.
- Detailed reports emailed to members and available from Treasurer Evans upon request.
- Committee has required number of members per DPLC Standing Rules.

Issues Committee:

Chair Green: No report.

Members – R.Green (D1), S.Howland (D2), L.Rigod (D3), J.Knox (D4), A.Dohner-Chavez (D5), L.Matthews (AD4 Alternate), J.Luiz (SD2 Alternate)

- Aside from lack of DCC reps for Congr Thompson and Congr Garamendi, Committee otherwise has full membership per DPLC Standing Rules.
- B.Curry noted that she is working with Ed Robey, Victoria Brandon, Dennis Darling regarding the Walmart Clearlake Expansion and provided information for those who may wish to contact local newspapers to express opposition.

Voter Registration Committee:

Chair Boivin:

Members – W.Harris (D1), S.Howland (D2), D.Boivin (D5)

- Regular members needed from D4 and D3 per DPLC Standing Rules.
- No report.

Ongoing Business:

- **100 Day Dinner** – D. Boivin – Committee members – J. Evans; S. Harris; W. Harris; C. Negrete; A. Ravenwoode; L. Rigod;
- Discussion of event purpose. It is not primarily a fundraiser, more an educational event. Suggestion that the purpose is to attract more members. Suggestion that every DCC member brings 5 people. New members bring additional funds in multiple ways (membership in addition to door fee, etc). L.Matthews said to invite Gloria Flahtery and she will bring in more people.
- Budget discussion -- The dinner will cost more than it takes in. The LC DCC approved without any budget parameters, and budget parameters should always be included when approving an event or project. Suggestion made to drop the dinner altogether (no response).
- T.Jordan moved to adopt the Draft #2 Budget, L.Bean seconded - **NOT APPROVED**
- Planning Committee will bring new budget to March DCC meeting.
- Next planning meeting is February 8.

New Business

Strategic Plan – tabled

D.Boivin requested that a Special Recognition Award be presented to Wanda Harris on behalf of the LC DCC. Award will be made by D.Boivin and S.Howland at no cost. **(M/S by D.Boivin/D.Baumann - Approved with one abstention.)**

Announcements

R.Green – KPFZ benefit on March 11, tickets are \$15-\$25

S.Cameron – Will attend a Healthcare for All education training in Marin, invited others to join her.NetNext
Next Meeting Thursday March 2, 2017 6:30 pm – Lower Lake Methodist Church Community Room

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann