

Approved at April 2017 meeting

MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday March 2nd, 2017
Lowerlake Methodist Church

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order 6:30pm by Chair Carlos Negrete. Roll call taken by circulating an attendance sheet.

Quorum verified to be present (Quorum is "over half" of voting members = 12;

13 voting members* + 3 Alternates of absent voting members were present = 16 voters present)

(*14 present after J. Holt was confirmed)

Voting Members Present:

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

District 2: S.Howland;

District 3: D.Baumann, L. Rigod, J.Sheehy; J.Holt (elected at this meeting)

District 4: L.Bean,

District 5: D.Boivin, B.Curry, A. Esutoki;

Ex-Officio Alternates: M. Friel (Thompson)

Club Representative: R. East

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: W.Harris (Unexcused);

District 3: J.Evans (Excused – ALT C. Leskar present)

District 4: V.Cerenio, T.Jordan; (Excused – ALT's J.Knox and G.Parrillo present)

District 5: H.Luia (**2nd consecutive Unexcused**); A.Dohner-Chavez (Unexcused)

L.Matthews (Aguilar-Curry); J.Luiz (McGuire); S.Harris (Garamendi); -- *Attendance not required*

Regular Member Alternates Present:

S. Pahwa; C.Lesker; J.Knox; G.Parrillo

Regular Member Alternates Absent:

M.Garrett; N.Deter; C.Deter; Mosby Jr; P.Cutler

Associate Members present:

Natalie Higley, Ava Kennedy, Moira Harris, Anna Ravenwood, Joy Swetnam

Guests:

L.Adrien-Dunlap, MJ Dunlap, Linda Holt, Joan Hume, Joan Moss, David Rogers, Tim Williams

Approval of Agenda

D. Baumann requested Verification of Quorum be added as standing item, per Bylaws Article IV, Section 4

D. Baumann requested J.Holt be added as having been nominated in January meeting

Agenda approved as amended (**M/S by L.Bean/S.Cameron - Approved**)

Approval of Feb 2017 Minutes:

Minutes approved as submitted (**M/S by B.Curry/D.Boivin - Approved**)

Public Comment N/A

Appointments & Resignations

Alternate Appointments:

D1 – Greta Ziet for S.Cameron;

D4 – Gillian Parrillo for T.Jordan; Pierre Cutler for L.Bean

Approval of Nomination of Jonathon Holt for open seat in D3 – (**M/S by D Boivin/D Baumann - Approved**)

Open seats for regular members as follows:

D2 – 2 seats; D4 – 2 seats.

D.Baumann nominated Natalie Higley for open seat in D4, seconded by S.Cameron, to be voted upon at April meeting.

Legislator's Reports

Congress Member Thompson – Alternate M. Friel

- Mike held a series of **Healthcare Town Halls** across the district to get the community's thoughts on the GOP's plan to gut the Affordable Care Act. He has held events in Vallejo, Martinez, Napa, and Santa Rosa—the last of which drew a capacity crowd of more than 2,000 constituents. Mike is taking your concerns and stories back to Washington as he prepares to fight for the ACA on the Health Subcommittee.
- With Congress and the country still reeling from the President's Muslim ban, Mike cosponsored two bills to protect immigrants' rights. The **Dreamers, Immigrants, and Refugees (DIRE) Legal Aid Act** would provide help to the most vulnerable among us so they can receive legal assistance should they face detention or deportation. The **Build Bridges Not Walls Act** would block the President's costly, ineffective, and insulting border wall.
- In the wake of the allegations around Michael Flynn and his subsequent resignation, Mike called for an independent investigation into the administration's ties to Russia.
- With Women's History Month right around the corner, Mike began accepting nominations for his annual **Woman of the Year Awards**, recognizing exception leaders in business, public service, philanthropy, and other sectors. The winners will be announced this month at a special ceremony.
- At the urging of local law enforcement officers from our community, Mike led a group of lawmakers in calling on ICE to remove the word "POLICE" from its gear. By misidentifying themselves as police officers, ICE risks undermining the relationships between local law enforcement and immigrant communities. This puts everyone at risk, as crimes could go unreported for fear a victim or their loved one may be deported.
- As Chairman of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, Mike urged his colleagues to bring law enforcement officers as their guests to the President's Address to a Joint Session. Together they held a press conference on **Republican Proposals to Undermine Public Safety**—raising much-needed awareness on the GOP's attempts to deregulate silencers and weaken concealed carry permitting procedures.
- Mike also launched "Adopt a District" to help elect Democrats in swing districts. He'll host two fundraisers for Jon Ossoff in the GA-06 race on March 24th—one in Sonoma and one in Napa.

Additional questions/concerns from DCC for Congr Thompson:

- D.Boivin requested Thompson respond to concerns of what is being done to protect immigrants from deportation in our area.
- S.Cameron asked Thompson to provide information on sanctuary networks
- J.Holt reported that local school superintendent says LC schools will not keep immigration records on students; the group felt this information needs to be widely disseminated, so students will feel safe attending school.

Congress Member John Garamendi – Alternate S.Harris not present, B.Curry gave report:

- Sissa Nelson-Harris has been appointed as the Congressman's alternate to the Committee.
- The Congressman has been busy assisting constituents in the aftermath of the Oroville Dam flooding.
- The Congressman has opened nominations for his annual Woman of the Year award. Deadline to submit applications is August 17,2017. The Committee will make an effort to provide him with some nominees from Lake County.
- Past Lake award recipients: 2016-Neickol Cook, 2015- Barbara Christwitz, 2014- Denise Rushing
For more information Visit <http://garamendi.house.gov/>

State Senator Mike McGuire – Alternate J.Luiz not present, B.Curry gave report:

- Update on SB 149 Pres Tax Transparency - the Senator is asking for online petition signatures for support. That will be emailed out under the Dem email address for people to sign/posted on our facebook page & our website
- McGuire was at an ACA Townhall w/Congr. Thompson on Feb 25 in Sonoma County.
- The Senator reiterated his support for SB 562 (Lara) in support of Single Payer Health Care in California
- The Senator also hosted a Town Hall in Middletown addressing issues around the rebuilding efforts in the wake of the Valley Fire.

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry - Alternate Lenny Matthews not present, B.Curry gave report:

- Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry co-hosted and attended town hall forum with Senator Mike McGuire in Middletown about rebuilding after the fires.

- Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry attended and co-sponsored Affordable Care Act town hall forum with Congr Mike Thompson, Senators Dodd and McGuire and Assemblymembers Wood and Levine.
 - Assembly Aguiar-Curry continues to work with Senator McGuire and Lake County on the Anderson Springs Sewer Project.
 - Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry has been in close contact with Sheriff Martin and Lake County about the recent floods.
 - Staff from the Assemblymember's office will be attending the Lake County Senior Summit.
- AB401 – TELEPHARMACY
People living in pharmacy-deprived areas, both rural and urban, face many barriers to obtaining comprehensive medical care. These patients desire more convenient access to their health care services, and remote pharmacy dispensing is a proven model to provide improved care that is both safe and effective.
Under existing law, prescription drugs can only be dispensed by a licensed pharmacy and pharmacist. There is no current authorization for licenses to be issued to remote dispensing pharmacies, and no existing use of telepharmacy communication services in California.
AB 401 creates a state license for remote dispensing pharmacies. The Board of Pharmacy will issue these licenses and determine the pharmacy-deprived locations eligible for a remote dispensing pharmacy.
- AB 707 – Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake
AB 707 would establish a Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake, housed within the Natural Resources Agency. By working towards improving the environmental quality of the lake, this bill will benefit Lake County as a first step in helping the local economy through promoting tourism and job creation.
- AB 273 – “Unlocking Opportunities for Families” – Subsidized Child Care Eligibility Criteria
In order to be eligible for state subsidized child care, families are required to meet eligibility requirements for income and need. AB 273 would add ESL and HSE educational programs to the list of eligibility criteria for state subsidized child development services under the California Educational Code.

Club Report - Richard East, temporary Chair:

- LC Dem Club met Feb 8. Carlene Lesker is training S.Pahwa to be Secretary. Still looking for a permanent chair.
- Guests from Konocti School District discussed new planning site www.cde.ca.gov
- Zack Pindell from Lower Lake spoke on Measure D. **Club voted to endorse YES on D**
- S.Cameron will present into on single payer health care at next meeting.
- **Club Re-Chartering** -- B.Curry moved that the Club's submission of **Charter** & fee be approved, S.Cameron seconded – **Approved**.

Officer Reports:

Chair Negrete:

- DCC Facebook -- Has been working to optimize the DCC's Facebook page, so more people will know about it and how to find it. Urged DCC members to “like” page, share posts, etc. Has done demographic analysis. Page visits are evenly distributed among Lake County cities.
- California Democratic Party Chair candidate Kimberly Ellis wishes to attend our DCC but there have been scheduling conflicts.

Vice Chair Curry:

- Delegate training for CADEM on the 18th
- “Keep it California” update (yes, State of Jefferson is still being pushed by some)
- Dollar General Clear Lake was denied permit

Secretary Baumann:

- March 8 is International Women's Day – local progressives will be on Main Street in Lakeport, showing support for women's issues

Treasurer Evans: J.Evans not present, report given by S. Cameron

- As of March meeting BOH = \$5016
- Projects \$3035 by end of March
- Expressed concern that this year's budget plans for a deficit, there was discussion for how to reduce costs and raise revenue (new members)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elections Tom -c/Ron/Holley/John/Lenny/Joey

- Chair Jordan not present. B.Curry distributed list of upcoming elections.
- Election Committee (candidate endorsements) - needs a member from D2 per bylaw requirements covering committee makeup.

Finance James-c/Adckinjo/Carlos/Virginia/Susan

- Chair Evans not present. No report.

Issues Ron-c /Louis/ Shirley/Jim/Areli/Joey/Lenny

- Chair Green said Issues Committee recommended support for SB 562 Californians for a Healthy California Act. Expresses support for California to implement universal single payer healthcare Shirley said something similar passed 9-10 years ago, but Gov Schwarzenegger vetoed.
- D.Boivin moved DCC support SB 562, Esutoki 2nd – **Approved**
- B.Curry moved that **Chair Carlos Negrete convey our support for SB 562 to State Senator Mike McGuire and to Assemblymember Cecelia Aguilar-Curry**, A.Esutoki second -- **Approved**
- Chair Green said though he wishes to remain on the committee, he no longer wishes to be Chair.
- D. Baumann volunteered to be new Chair, offer was accepted.

Voter Registration Debra-c/ Shirley/Wanda

- Voter Registration Standing Committee needs members from District 3 & District 4 per bylaw requirements as to standing committee make-up. This involves organizing & setting up & taking down our booths at various events around the county this year.
- D. Boivin requested J.Holt, S.Pahwa and L.Bean join – **all three accepted.**
- Request for \$100 for tabling at Hidden Valley Concert on the Green – D.Boivin moved/D.Curry 2nd – **Approved**

Descriptions of Standing committee duties are in the DPLC bylaws

<http://lakecountymocrats.org/about-us/bylaws/democratic-party-of-lake-county-bylaws-revised-june-7-2015/>

ONGOING BUSINESS

100 Day Dinner – D. Boivin – Committee members – J. Evans; S. Harris; W. Harris; C. Negrete; A. Ravenwoode; L. Rigod;

- 100 Day Dinner update & volunteer needs - we need a couple of volunteers to take lead.
- The event is scheduled for Saturday April 8 at the Clearlake Highlands Senior Center - 4pm-7pm.
- Confirmed speakers so far - BOE Chair Fiona Ma; Assemblymember (AD 4) Cecilia Aguiar Curry; Clearlake City Council member Joyce Overton; Clearlake City Council Vice Mayor Bruno Sabatier; Lakeport City Council member George Spurr.
- Dessert Silent Auction - organizer & donations needed.
- We need someone to organize & receive the baked good donations and to cover the table at the event. This involves collecting the donations/setting up the table at the event w/bid sheets and collecting donations from the winners. If you want to donate a dessert - please let us know. Your donation must be accompanied by an in kind donor form
- Drink table - Wine donations & volunteers to oversee the table set up & stocking
- S.Cameron moved dinner Budget be approved, D.Boivin second – **Approved**

New Business

- Strategic Plan – Chair Negrete will set up a date 2-3 months after the May convention (before end of summer) for 6-hour DCC member workshop

Announcements

Next meeting is Thursday April 6th 2017 at 6:30pm – Kelseyville Senior Center, 5245 3rd Street in Kelseyville
S.Cameron – AmeriCorps is a good local resource

Adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann