

Approved at August 2017 meeting

MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, July 6, 2017

Lower Lake Methodist Church Community Rm

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.

Voting Members Present:

District 1: Susan Cameron, Ron Green, Doug Harris, Carlos Negrete,

District 2: Shirley Howland;

District 3: Deb Baumann, James Evans, Jonathan Holt, Louis Rigod, John Sheehy;

District 4: Larry Bean, Virginia Cerenio (via Alternate Jim Knox),

District 5: Debra Boivin, Becky Curry, Adckinjo Esutoki

Ex-Officio Alternates: Michael Friel, Sissa Harris, Stephanie Pahwa,

Voting Members Absent:

District 2: Tim Everton

District 4: Tom Jordan, Natalie Higley

Club Representative: Richard East

Joey Luiz (McGuire) -- *Attendance not required*

Regular Member Alternates Present: Carlene Lesker, Jim Knox

Associate Members present: Linda Holt, Ceva Giumelli, Dave Rogers

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as amended* **(M/S by D.Boivin/D.Baumann - Approved)**

- Becky Curry added SEIU Announcement
- Ron Green added Bylaws under New Business
- Susan Cameron will present Club report instead of Richard East

Approval of June 2017 Minutes:

Minutes approved as submitted **(M/S by M.Friel/J.Holt - Approved)**

Public Comment

- Debra Boivin asked rhetorical question, are School Board and other seats really non-partisan, answer is that party platform affects decision making at schools, etc.

Guest Speaker – Eleni Kounalakis for Lt. Governor – did not attend

Appointments & Resignations

Resignations: none

Appointments: *Ex-Officio Alternate* for C.Aguar-Curry –Stephanie Pahwa

New District Regular Members:

- D1 – Doug Harris approved by vote, appointed to Issues Committee

Open seats for regular members *are now as follows:*

- D2 – 1 seat; D4 – 1 seat; D5 – 2 seats

Legislator's Reports

Congress Member Thompson – Alternate M. Friel

- The Senate introduced their plan to repeal the **Affordable Care Act**. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget office found it would cost **23 million people** their health insurance. Mike slammed the bill for its cruelty and called on Republican leadership to work with Democrats on a plan that expands access to healthcare and makes it more affordable.
- Mike voted against the repeal of the **Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act**. The recession proved that Wall Street cannot be allowed to gamble with our money again. People lost their savings, their homes, their retirement accounts, and their jobs. Mike opposes any measure that would undermine the middle class or the gains we've made since 2008.
- After the President pulled America from the Paris Climate Accords, Mike joined the bipartisan **Climate Solutions Caucus**. Climate change poses serious threats to our community and our country. We've already seen some of the worst flooding in memory damage homes and businesses in our district. The Climate Solutions Caucus is composed of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats—40 in total—committed to addressing the risks and reality of our changing climate.
- In the wake of the shooting on Republican Members of Congress during their practice for the annual charity baseball game, Mike called for civility and compassion to return to our politics. Hatred and threats cannot be tolerated. He continues to wish for a speedy recovery for Majority Whip Steve Scalise, who was injured in the attack.
- Mike welcomed Vallejo resident and high school senior **Alannah Elyse Ruiz** to Washington, and presented her with the **Congressional Award Gold Medal**. Alannah earned the medal after completing 400 hours of community service by tutoring foster children, serving as a teen mentor at Kaiser Permanente, and volunteering at a soup kitchen in Solano County. She also completed 200 hours of physical fitness training and organized a weeklong cultural immersion trip to Aruba.

Additional discussion:

- Susan Cameron would like Mike to look into 25th Amendment, unfit for office panel.
- James Evans asks Mike to fight hard against tax breaks for the rich.
- Jon Holt is concerned about Trump's request for voter registration and how this can be used to suppress the vote.
- Adckinjo Esutoki says "thank you" to Mike for his civility conversation.

Congress Member John Garamendi – Alternate S.Harris:

In the month of June, Congressman Garamendi

- Opposed Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord, issuing an official statement and joining 20 of House colleagues in asking the governors of California, Oregon, and Washington to maintain these states' leadership in finding solutions to the climate crisis. He also authored a column for the Davis' Enterprise outlining his reasons for opposing Trump's move.
- As a Founding Director of Operation Respect, a national organization dedicated to creating learning environments free of bullying and prejudice, Congressman Garamendi joined a discussion of programs and strategies aimed at ending the epidemic of bullying (at the organizations meeting held in Washington, DC early this month).
- Appeared on FOX news, MSNBC, & other networks to discuss the effect of repealing provisions in Dodd-Frank that protect consumers from Wall Street, the Comey firing, the nation's infrastructure needs, tax reform and health care.
- Committed as a solid "no" vote on the Wrong Choice Act, that (if passed) will weaken Wall Street reforms passed after the Great Recession.
- Vowed to protect public lands threatened by the Trump administrations review of land protected by the Antiquities Act (such as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument).
- Co-sponsored the *21st Century New Deal for Jobs*, an infrastructure package that would employ 2.5 million Americans in its first year and help the country meet many of the most pressing infrastructure needs (roads and bridges, clean energy, clean water, transit, and rural broadband) and strengthen existing Buy America standards.
- In the wake of the shooting of Congressman Scalise, and others, in Washington, DC the Congressman condemned violence as a response to political disagreements.
- Regarding our continued war in Afghanistan, Congressman Garamendi authored an OpEd in USA Today, stating "It is not enough for Congress to continue to ask administration after administration for the next grand strategy in Afghanistan. It is not enough for the administration to simply explain what 13,000 troops will accomplish that 100,000 could not in 2011 at the height of our presence. It is Congress' responsibility to authorize war, and it is long past time for the American people, through their elected representatives, to debate the terms on which this war will continue."

- Renewed his commitment to work toward improving the Affordable Care Act, and opposing both the House and Senate bills that are currently proposed as these worsen access to healthcare.
- Issued an amendment to protect the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, which was unanimously adopted by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The trust fund is money set aside for ongoing air infrastructure needs in case of an economic downturn. He commits to opposing Trump's proposal to privatize America's air traffic control system, stating it's "essential that we keep the Airport and Airway Trust Fund entirely separate from this transfer of responsibility."
- Authored an OpEd piece in the Sacramento Bee regarding the "twin tunnels" project, which received a green light after its environmental review. His short summary is, that this "sounds concerning, but it's not at all the case... I believe the entire state will be much better served by focusing on water projects funded by Proposition 1, rather than spending at least \$15 billion on a project that can suck the Delta dry and creates little new water."
- Spoke with The New York Times about his time as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia, and why it's critical to protect this important program. The Trump budget request includes a 15% cut to Peace Corps funding. The Congressman states that this is not wise as cutting the Peace Corps' funding curtails a vital component of U.S. international relations – providing aid, educating a community, and negotiating peaceful resolutions to foreign conflicts.
- Announced a Town Hall in Winters on Saturday, August 19th, to discuss critical issues with attendees. The meeting is free and open to the public, and all 3rd District residents are encouraged and invited to attend. Congressman Garamendi will deliver a brief update on the state of affairs in Washington, and then take questions from the audience. The venue is wheelchair accessible. The town hall will take place from 1:30-3:30 pm PT at St. Anthony's Parish on 511 Main St. in Winters, CA.

Additional Discussion:

- Sissa Harris issued an invitation to Congressman Garamendi to the Bar-B-Q.
- Debra Boivin asks if Garamendi's office could supply copies of the book Garamendi wrote for give-away to new Democrats at voter registration.

State Senator Mike McGuire – Alternate J.Luiz not present, no report.

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – Alternate Stephanie Pahwa:

In the 2017 State Budget, the Assemblymember was able to secure over \$3 million for District needs:

- Secured \$800,000 for the reconstruction of the Yolo County Road 40 (CR 40) low water bridge. The CR 40 bridge served as one of the main connectors between the more rural areas of Lake, Napa and Yolo counties until it was closed in 2009 due to its structural deficiency. This funding will finance critical repairs to the crumbling bridge infrastructure, which will bolster public safety in Yolo, Napa, and Lake Counties.
- Achieved \$250,000 in funding to support farmworker housing facilities in Napa County. This appropriation will provide much needed capital support to the Napa farmworker community, which will ensure that Napa can continue to provide safe, reliable, and affordable housing for to its agricultural workers.
- Acquired a \$2 million set-aside for UC Davis, the California Department of Natural Resources, and a coalition of stakeholders from Lake County (as established in AB 707 below) to begin researching and convening meetings in regards to the rehabilitation of Clear Lake.

In the District - Last month, Cecilia toured the Lakeview Health Facility, met with Lake County Fairgrounds and was the keynote speaker at the Kelseyville High School Graduation.

Current Bills

- AB1665(Internet for All Now Act) – provides quality, reliable internet for all, especially rural areas. *Bill status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee*
- AB273Child Care - 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. *Bill Status: Senate Human Services Committee*
- AB707 (Clear Lake) - AB 707 will establish a Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake. The purpose of the committee is to assess the environmental health of Clear Lake and provide recommendations for revitalization. *Bill Status: Senate Natural Resources Committee*
- AB401 Telepharmacy- AB 401 will increase access to a pharmacist for those living in pharmacy-deprived areas, by authorizing the California Board of Pharmacy to issue remote dispensing pharmacy licenses for facilities that connect a licensed pharmacist to patients through telepharmacy communications. The remote dispensing pharmacy will be staffed by a registered pharmacy technician on a day-to-day basis, with a lead pharmacist providing oversight from another location. *Bill Status: Senate Business and Economic Development Committee*

Additional Discussion:

- Jon Holt wants to read text of AB 707 – will google it

- Larry Bean asks why funds coming from State for farm worker housing? Why isn't Ag industry paying for own workers in Napa County?

Club Report - *Richard East, Club Representative not present, report by Susan Cameron:*

- Potluck on 6/14 was well attended – about 40 people
- Joey Luis spoke on LGBTQ issues
- Bruno Sabatiere spoke on Pride Proclamation Event
- Harold Riley spoke on history of gay rights movement
- 2017 budget was approved, dues raised from \$10 to \$20
- They have a new website administrator
- May 23 strategic planning session discussed need to build membership
- Working on a Values document and a new logo

Officer Reports:

Chair Negrete –

- Has been attending BOS meetings, where there is much discussion about marijuana ordinance amendments, tiny homes for fire victims
- Courtney Van Luren may run for school board
- Next Gen Climate – Moke Simon arranged meetings with LC tribes, and there is a meeting for Dems with Tom Steyer at Twin Peaks Casino tomorrow (July 7)

Vice Chair Curry:

- Natalie Higley has taken over the website
- CADEM – PDI Training here in Lake County? Not sure it will happen.
- Alternates – Becky will send names of Associates by end of July.
- July 22 is Region 2 meeting with Craig Cheslog

Secretary Baumann:

No report

Treasurer Evans:

- 6-1-2017 to 6-30-2017 BOH = \$3,825.05
- General Fund:
 In June we received \$25 in dues, \$25 for glassware and a \$475 Senior Center deposit refund for the 100 Days Dinner from the City of Clearlake. We paid Dean & Company \$270 for June accounting. Our balance on hand is \$3,825.

I receive about 200 completed forms each year. These are membership forms, reservation forms and in kind donation forms. This year because we will have 2 events I will receive about 300 forms. I compare the physical, mailing and email addresses plus the phone numbers, occupation and employer on each form with the same information on 3 different list to ensure that our DPLC information is up to date. That comes to 600 individual comparisons in a normal year and 900 comparisons this year. I am again asking all members to help me reduce this task by marking their forms as "On File" in the information section if none of their information has changed or to only enter the information that has changed. Thank You for reducing my workload.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTE 1: As DCC Chair, Carlos Negrete is a member of all committees.

NOTE 2: * indicates committee which should have at least 1 member from each District

Elections* – D4 Tom Jordan, Chair / D1 Ron Green, D2 Tim Everton, D3 John Sheehy, D4 Virginia Cerenio, D5 –Becky Curry, Alternate Reps for Garamendi, Thompson, McGuire, Aguiar-Curry

DPLC ELECTIONS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Offices of Scotts Valley Pomo, 1005 Parallel Drive, Lakeport.

In attendance: Tom Jordan (Chair), Becky Curry, Virginia Cerenio, Sissa Harris, Ron Green.

Committee Members absent: Carlos Negrete, John Sheehy, Michael Friel, Joey Luiz, Aguiar-Curry Representative, Gillian Parillo (add-on).

Guests: none

Meeting Goal: Create a plan to “seek out and encourage new Democratic candidates” for the 2018 election cycle.

- A. The matrix of elected officeholders was reviewed and discussed. It was decided that identifying potential candidates to run against county-wide non-Democrat incumbents would not be wise.
- B. Members present volunteered to contact specific incumbents to ask 1) Will the elected official seek reelection? 2) Identify possible opponents and 3) if they are not seeking reelection, please identify possible Democratic candidates for the office.
- C. Current incumbents to be contacted by members as follows:
 - For June Primary
 Tom: Don Anderson (District Attorney), Brock Falkenberg (LCOE Superintendent; task completed).
 Becky: Bruno Sabatier (D2) (Will announce in July.)/ For November General
 Tom: Lynn Andre (LUSD), Mireya Turner (Lakeport City Council).
 Becky: Rick Weiner (Kelseyville School Board, Mitch Markowitz (KUSD), Claudine Pedrocchi (Upper Lake School Board).
 Sissa: Herb Gura (KUSD).
 Ron: Michael Green (Lakeport City Council, previous candidate).
- D. It was decided to contact specific persons to obtain information on potential candidates for future offices. Becky will contact Holly Luia to request input from the local unions. Tom will contact Dave Geck (Mendocino College Board) and Mike Adams.
- E. Becky will email the previous Candidate Questionnaire to committee members. This will be reviewed prior to OCTOBER meeting for revision at that meeting. (Task completed.)

These tasks will be completed in time to report back by next meeting August 14th.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Next Elections Committee meeting: Monday, August 14th, 6:30 p.m., at Offices of Scotts Valley Pomo, 1005 Parallel Drive, Lakeport.

Finance – D3 James Evans, Chair / D1 Susan Cameron, D4 Virginia Cerenio, D4 Tom Jordan, D5 Adckinjo Esutoki

- New Members: One new member joined in June. We welcome Donald Taylor. We now have 57 paid members.
- Commorative Glasses: We received \$25 for 12 commorative glasses at the Concert on the Green, Cinco De Mayo and the Lower Lake Memorial Day parade.
- 100 Days Dinner: We received \$200 in donations for the 100 Days Dinner From SEIU Local 2015.
- BBQ:
 1. Samples of the BBQ reservation form were distributed, with amounts/discounts proposed and invitation for group to discuss design and suggest improvements.
 2. Price discount – there is a \$5 discount for advance reservations
 3. Price raise – James moved we raise the 3 full prices and the 3 discounted prices by \$5 each. Adckinjo seconded, **motion was APPROVED.**

Issues* -- D3 Deb Baumann, Chair / D1 Ron Green, D2 Shirley Howland, D3 Louis Rigod, D4 Jim Knox, D5 VACANT, Alternate Reps for Garamendi, Thompson, McGuire, Aguiar-Curry

- Add Debra Boivin and Doug Harris to committee, remove Ron Green
- Will send email to pick date for regular monthly meeting beginning in July

Voter Registration* -- D5 Debra Boivin, Chair / D1 – VACANT, D2 Shirley Howland, D3 Jon Holt, D4 Larry Bean, D4 Natalie Higley

- Circulated sign-up too DCC members for voter registration work
- Will give copies of Constitution to new Democrats
- Jon & Linda Holt donated an Easy-Up
- Fair voter registration event – have 8 tickets to Fair for volunteers, plus DCC buys tickets for other volunteers

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

- Annual BBQ –
 - Becky Curry will email lead people
 - Jon Holt helping with Silent Auction items 367-3569
 - Deb Baumann asked how many attendees would be Vegetarians, some discussion of possibly adding that information to the form, to enable planning by Meat Crew.

New Business

- Ron Green – Bylaws discussion – read aloud section regarding DCC members automatically kicked off DCC after missing 3 consecutive meetings

Announcements

- Ron Green: KPFZ.org – his Saturday radio show 10am guest call-in number: 263-3435 and on July 22 benefit at 7pm at the Big Valley Grange, tickets are \$35 includes food and entertainment
- Susan Cameron: Healthcare For All continues... passed our brochures
- Next DCC meeting is Thursday August 3, 2017 at 6:30pm – Kelseyville Sr Center

Adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann