

Approved at October 2017 meeting

MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, September 7, 2017

Lower Lake Methodist Church Community Room

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order 6:30pm by Chair Carlos Negrete. Voting Member list completed by Secretary and Quorum verified to be present.

Voting Members Present:

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

District 2: Shirley Howland, Tim Everton

District 3: Deb Baumann, James Evans (PVA Lesker), Jon Holt, Louis Rigod (PVA Giumelli), John Sheehy;

District 4: Larry Bean, Virginia Cerenio (PVA Jim Knox), Tom Jordan (PVA Parrillo)

District 5: Debra Boivin, Becky Curry, Adckinjo Esutoki

Club Representative: Richard East

Ex-Officio Alternates: Stephanie Pahwa

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: Doug Harris

District 4: Natalie Higley (3rd consecutive absence)

Ex-Officio Alternates: Michael Friel, Sissa Harris, Joey Luiz (attendance not mandatory)

Regular Member Alternates Present: Carlene Lesker (ALT for James Evans), Ceva Giumelli (ALT for Louis Rigod), Jim Knox (ALT for Virginia Cerenio), Gillian Parrillo (ALT for Tom Jordan)

Associate Members present: Anna Ravenwood, Moira Harris, Dave Rogers

Guests: Linda Holt, Louveina Hopkins

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as amended (corrections to committee memberships and status of seats)

Approval of August 2017 Minutes:

Minutes approved as amended (correction to Chair report on page 4).

Public Comment

None.

Appointments & Resignations

- Open seats for regular members *are now as follows:*
D2 – 1 seat; D4 – 1 seat; D5 – 2 seats

Motion to vote on nominee Dave Rogers to fill D4 seat - **APPROVED**

Legislator's Reports

- **Congress Member Thompson** – Alternate M. Friel – *not present, no report*
- **Congress Member John Garamendi** – Alternate S.Harris: -- *not present, no report*
- **State Senator Mike McGuire** – Alternate J.Luiz – *not present, no report*

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – Alternate Stephanie Pahwa:

In the District Attended Lake County Fair, Attending memorial this Saturday for Deputy Sheriff Rob Rumpf, Sept 30 – Participating in the Anderson Springs ground breaking with Sen. McGuire and Congressman Thompson, Oct. 8 – Attending the Lake County Dems BBQ – sponsor and speaker

Current Bills

- AB1665 (Internet for All Now Act) – provides quality, reliable internet for all, especially rural areas. *Bill status: Senate Floor*
- AB273 Child 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 Floor*
- 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 Floor*
- 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 Floor*

Assemblymember’s statement about DACA and SB 54:

“Tuesday, President Trump continued his Administration’s aggressive attack on immigrants when he turned his back on 800,000 undocumented young people by terminating DACA,” said Aguiar-Curry. “Rounding up law-abiding children will not make anyone safer. DREAMers, who were brought to this country as young children, have done nothing to deserve the President’s attacks. In most cases, these children have struggled to succeed, as Americans, in school, work, and in their communities.”

Aguiar-Curry also declared her support for SB 54, which will come to the Assembly Floor this week.

“This Administration has proven we cannot rely on today’s federal government to protect our neighbors, our coworkers, our friends, or the children in our schools. We must take on that responsibility ourselves,” the Assemblymember announced. “That is why I will vote in favor of the California Values Act (SB54) which prevents state and local law enforcement officials from becoming federal immigration officers. Instead, our local police and sheriffs can focus on their primary duty of keeping our neighborhoods safe. Driving victims and witnesses into seclusion will not help catch criminals.”

Club Report - Richard East, Club Representative

- Club met August 9
- Susan Cameron presented documentary “Now is the Time”
- Reviewed Goals and tasks, values statement was adopted by the club,
- Sept 13 speaker will be Craig Cheslog, Region 2 director of CA Democratic Party (CDP)

Officer Reports:

Chair Negrete –

- Attended eBoard mtg of CDP, including
 - chair and regional director training
 - update on MOE (Mobilize Organize Elect) database training (November 11 from 2-5pm at Twin Pines Casino),
 - Resolutions Committee meeting
 - Chicano, Native American and Rural Caucuses
- Native American Caucus of the CDP has received Steyer NextGen grant, now looking for person to fill paid position to go to tribes to register voters in Lake County (non-partisan)
- Candidate for Attorney General Dave Jones will be speaker at October DCC meeting
- Attending Coffee with Congressman

Vice Chair Curry -

- Locally –Walmart expansion – Set to come back to Clearlake PC in October. We will be meeting to discuss PC strategy in early Oct. I should have a report on action by the Oct 5 DCC meeting
- Eboard Legislative Committee:
 The Legislation Committee proposes legislation, when needed, in response to the duties and policies of the Party;. The Legislation Committee makes recommendations and proposes actions on said legislation that is consistent with guidelines with CDP Rules. The Committee considers both state & federal legislation. The process for submitting a piece of legislation is outlined on cadem.org.
 Please review the past supported legislation, before submitting a request.
 Link to recommended legislation from August 2017 Eboard
<https://www.cadem.org/our-party/standing-committees/body/CDP-Legislation-Committee-Report-Adopted-17-08-28.pdf>
- Attended CDP Enviro Caucus – spoke urging support of the members for Cecilia Curry’s AB 707 which would establish a “Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake” in Lake County. The proposed Blue Ribbon Committee would include representatives from the Natural Resources Agency, researchers from UC Davis, appointees from Lake County, members of the Tribal community, and experts in local economic development, agriculture, and the environment.
- Partnering w/Sonoma Dems for trainings.- I’ve communicated with Sonoma Dem County Party who will be offering trainings on voter contact methods to party volunteers. Joy Sterling and Stephen Gale both serve on the Sonoma DCC. Joy is also a regional vice chair for the CDP Rural Caucus - Lake County is part of her region and Stephen is employed by Congr Thompson and serves as his alternate on the Sonoma DCC.
- **MOE / PDI training: sign up list circulated and following people signed up: Deb Baumann, Debra Boivin, Susan Cameron, Adckinjo Esutok , Tim Everton, Ron Green, Jon Holt, Shirley Howland, Tom Jordan, Carleen Leskar, Carlos Negrete, Gillian Parrillo, Dave Rogers,**
- Our members need training in how to organize & participate in a phone bank/how to organize & participate in door to door canvassing and other tactics of one on one voter contact. We would then have available a pool of volunteers from Lake County for targeted races around the state in 2018, and we would also be able to provide our locally endorsed candidates with field volunteers.

Secretary Baumann:

- People’s Platform follow up -- As per motion approved by DCC in August, followed up with press release which was published in both Record Bee and Lake County News, urge DCC members (and anyone else) to spread the word and especially to share Peoples Platform information with our elected.
- Request from Shirley Howland for someone to speak to Democratic Club about the PP

Treasurer Evans:

Treasurer James Evans not present, no report.

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
 Chair not present, Becky gave brief update.

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

Chair not present, no report.

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

Chair Baumann:

Issues Committee met on August 22 at Twisted Sisters Pub in Lakeport.

630p Called to Order, agenda approved without amendment.

Members Present: Deb Baumann, Debra Boivin, Sissa Harris, Doug Harris, Stephanie Pahwa,

Guests: Jon and Linda Holt, Mark and Nancy Currier, Mario Fernandez.

1) AB 249 – The California DISCLOSE Act

Two recommendations to consider:

- A.** Formal endorsement by Lake County Democratic Central Committee (add our DCC to list of endorsers, attached) **Issues Committee voted unanimously to recommend formal endorsement by LCDP.**

DCC 2nd by Adcjinko Esutoki, APPROVED

- B.** Request Cecelia Aguiar-Curry to become co-sponsor of the bill **Issues Committee voted unanimously to recommend LCDP request Aguiar-Curry to become co-sponsor.**

Post-meeting note: Per email from staffer Carli Reveles, Aguiar-Curry has become co-author of bill (even better). Confirmed by visiting the CA state Legislative Information website – Cecelia is now listed as one of the co-authors. Therefore, suggest amending the Issues Committee recommendation **to sending a THANK YOU letter to Cecelia.**

DCC 2nd by Ron Green, APPROVED

Issues Committee members were informed of a **Yes Fair Elections** rally in Sacramento at the Capitol Wednesday (Aug 23) at 11:45 to demand that the Rules Committee schedule a hearing (otherwise the bill could die with no vote). Car pools available.

2) AB1269 - Mobilehome Residents and Senior Protection Act

Debra Boivin presented a draft letter which she would like the LCDP to send to Cecelia Aguiar-Curry to ask her to support (co-sponsor) AB 1269. **Issues Committee voted unanimously to recommend LCDP request Aguiar-Curry to become co-sponsor.**

DCC 2nd by Jon Holt, APPROVED

Becky Curry asked Issues Committee to contact other DCCs in Aguiar-Curry district for support too.

- 3) Spring Valley Lake Revitalization Project – discussion did not lead to Issues Committee recommendation at this time.**

- 4) SEIU 2015 bargaining –** General informational discussion about the current bargaining between SEIU and the BOS. No actionable item to make a recommendation on. Guest: G Mario Fernandez, Political Organizer, Region 6 SEIU 2015, promises to keep us informed of future developments.

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

Chair Boivin: circulated volunteer signup sheets for upcoming Concert on Green in HVL on Sept 15, and on Sept 16 at Twin Pines Casino (Indian Days)

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 update from Becky Curry
- Annual BBQ outstanding action items –
 - Richard East has 2 propane grills, needs one more, Dave Rogers volunteered to bring his.
 - Side dishes - Cactus Grill's quote for side dishes is \$400 over the \$300 budget, Discussion whether to **approve \$700 for Cactus Grill** – Becky Curry moved, Debra Boivin 2nd – **APPROVED**
 - Vegetarian main course - Ron Green moved Cactus Grill supply 4 dozen veggie enchalatas at **\$144** – Deb Baumann 2nd – **APPROVED**
 - Carnivore main course – Becky Curry moved both tri tip and chicken be served, Debra Boivin 2nd – **APPROVED**

New Business

None.

Announcements

- Next DCC meeting is Thursday October 5, 2017 at 6:30pm – Kelseyville

Adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann