

Approved at December 2017 meeting

MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, November 2, 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, Doug Harris, Carlos Negrete,

District 2: Tim Everton, Shirley Howland

District 3: Deb Baumann, James Evans, John Sheehy;

District 4: Larry Bean, Virginia Cerenio, Tom Jordan, Dave Rogers

District 5: Becky Curry,

Club Representative: Richard East

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

Voting Members Absent:

District 3: John Holt, Louis Rigod

District 5: Debra Boivin, Adckinjo Esutoki

Ex-Officio Alternates: Joey Luiz (attendance not mandatory)

Regular Member Alternates Present: Carlene Lesker,

Associate Members present: Chloe Karl

Guests: Doug Jones

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as amended (added Doug Jones to speak at beginning, added “CDP payment” to Ongoing Business per Susan Cameron).

Approval of November 2017 Minutes:

Minutes approved as amended

- page 5 – switched order of Treasurer and Finance reports
- page 5 - clarified Mireya Turner is running for re-election to Lakeport City Council
- page 6 – deleted month-old information from Registration committee report, corrected date/location of next meeting

Public Comment

Union delegate Doug Jones thanked DCC for supporting dialysis bill, said SB349 passed the Assembly and Senate but was pulled due to sponsor being worried that Governor Brown might veto. This keeps bill alive. Plan is to move forward on three fronts – SB349 bill, negotiations, and ballot measure in 2018. **Requested our DCC endorse the proposed ballot measure.** Becky Curry so moved, Deb Baumann seconded, all **APPROVED**.

Appointments & Resignations

- Convention delegate replacement –Tom Jordan nominated by Becky Curry, Seconded by Stephanie Pahwa - **Approved**
- Open seats for regular members *are now as follows:*
D2 – 1 seat; D4 – 1 seat; D5 – 2 seats

Susan Cameron nominated Chloe Karl for open D4 seat, Deb Baumann seconded – nomination accepted, to be voted upon at next meeting.

- Open seats for alternates:
D1 – 2 seats; D2 – 2 seats; D3 – 3 seats; D4 – 3 seats; D5 – 3 seats

Legislator's Reports

Congress Member Thompson – Alternate M. Friel – has not received report from Thompson's office.

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

Congress Member John Garamendi – Alternate S.Harris:

- **Events:** The Congressman held the 4th annual Women of the Year event. He held a Veterans' Advisory Forum in Fairfield to hear from veterans about their interests and needs.
- **Media appearances & speeches:** Congressman Garamendi appeared on these networks – CNN; news radio stations KFBK, KPIX & KUIC, FOX news, HLN, KRCR & MSNBC to discuss the Federal response to the California Wildfires, his opposition to the Twin Tunnels project, the Trump Administration's actions on healthcare, Trump's approach to dealing with North Korea (including Trump's rhetoric), the Trump Tax Plan, the servicemen killed in Niger. ~ In his monthly column in the Davis Enterprise, Congressman Garamendi expressed his belief that the Trump Tax Plan is nothing more than a giveaway to the wealthy. [<http://www.davisenterprise.com/forum/opinion-columns/trumps-true-motive-is-to-cut-taxes-on-the-wealthy/>] o He provided weekly updates on his Facebook page that you can stream.
- **Issues & Statements:**
 - o After the shooting in Las Vegas Congressman Garamendi called upon Congress to begin debate about the availability of automatic weapons. He writes, "Some of my colleagues say this is no time to develop gun safety legislation, and I couldn't disagree more. I am a gun owner and a supporter of the 2nd Amendment, but there is no place for the sound of automatic weapons fire on our streets." After the Stockton mass shooting in 1989 the Congressman worked with the California legislature to develop and pass a statewide gun safety law that limited access to assault weapons and high capacity magazines. He pledges to work with colleagues in the House to pass similar gun safety legislation to protect the entire nation.
 - o The Congressman worked with many in his district in getting information pertaining to disaster aid out to people affected by the wildfires in several Northern California counties. He joined several House colleagues in sending a letter to President Trump imploring him to take immediate action on Governor Brown's request for a major disaster declaration. This Disaster Declaration makes resources from FEMA available to help those impacted by the fires to recover and rebuild. [Note: The federal government did approve FEMA assistance on October 10 and Lake County was included in this disaster declaration.] The Congressman wrote to the IRS to ask for their support of individuals who lost records in the wildfires. [Note: November 1 the IRS sent a letter to Congressman Garamendi confirming that they will modify policies for wildfire victims. See copy of the IRS letter.] He also met with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the Federal response to the disaster caused by the hurricane in Puerto Rico.
 - o Regarding disasters, the Congressman writes, "FEMA has a strong track record of providing emergency services and relief in disaster situations. But their record of maintaining those resources and support over the long term is often mired with issues. The State of California alone is still owed over \$4 billion in funding that the federal government has promised to commit to help the state respond to natural disasters. Some of these IOU's date back almost 20 years. This issue of long-term disaster relief funding is created by the way Congress manages FEMA's spending. Under the current funding structure, once the Disaster Relief Fund that FEMA utilizes to provide disaster relief is diminished, FEMA can only afford to provide relief to immediate disasters. Congress must fund the Disaster Relief Fund at an adequate level now to ensure FEMA has the resources it needs to provide relief to communities that have been devastated by a natural disaster from day one and beyond."
 - o After the incident in Niger, Congressman Garamendi issued this statement: "I am concerned about the continued expansion of our military presence without Congressional oversight. I believe we need a new Authorization for the Use of Military Force, so Congress can fulfill its constitutional responsibilities and set parameters for American military involvement abroad."

Additional discussion:

Susan Cameron requests all our electeds vigorously oppose the new Tax Plan.

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – Alternate Stephanie Pahwa:

- Attended Oct. 8 Lake County Democratic Party annual BBQ
- This last month, we have witnessed destruction that we have never seen. Four of the six counties Cecilia represents were affected by wildfires. Cecilia participated in meetings with Congressman Thompson in Napa, Sonoma and Lake. She participated in a recent meeting with Lake County officials and Napa County officials regarding lessons learned in the Valley Fire.
- Cecilia continues to have meetings with CalFire, OES and FEMA on recovery efforts throughout AD4

Additional discussion:

- Michael Friel asked that the Assemblymember be thanked for coming to look at the Middle Creek Restoration project.

Club Report - Richard East, Club Representative

- October 25th was date of delayed meeting (due to fires) - No guest speaker as Tina Scott unable to attend new date
- Voted to approve \$100 annually to CDP for website
- November 8 is next meeting – will chose CDP delegates then
- Speaker will be Sandra Lowe, Senior Strategist for CDP

Officer Reports:

Chair Negrete –

- eBoard is this month
- R2 meeting postponed
- Attended Rural Caucus in Sonoma, fires a major discussion
- County Hazard Mitigation Plan – climate change now on list, can be viewed online on County website, updated every 5 years, must be approved by FEMA

Vice Chair Curry –

- Thank you Deb Baumann for agreeing to take over content management of our County Party website.
- Thanks to all who worked on the BBQ. James will have a more complete report on the income.
- I've written thank you cards to all of our sponsors - labor & legislators and to all of our business silent auction donors.
- Follow up Press went out 10/21 to print/online media
- I will put together documents & the guidelines/donor & sponsor spreadsheets, etc - hard copy & on a thumb drive that I have used for organizing various aspects of the event, for next year's event lead organizer.
- Finalize PDI training - additional sign ups - I will email DCC members. -- Saturday November 11 - 2-5pm - Twin Pine Casino
- Sign ups for Political Action Training - trainers Sonoma DCC Deb Dobish/Clio Tarazi/Sandi McCracken -- Two dates will be offered, again held at Twin Pine Casino.(Dates not finalized – looking two dates – last Sat in Jan/first Sat in Feb.) Training in organizing & participating in Phone banks/canvassing/voter registration 4-5 hours each date. Participants must be members of either the DCC or the Lake Dem Club.
- Proposed Walmart expansion app pulled - but it may be back.
- Attended luncheon in SF hosted by Leader Pelosi as a guest of Congr Thompson. Our table included the women organizers and activists from the Napa women's march; Leadership from Sonoma Young Dems; Sonoma County/Contra Costa (Benicia)

Indivisible; DREAMER Denia Candela - Sonoma State Students Association. The morning panel discussions included a political update outlining the seats the DCCC is targeting nationwide and in California; Infrastructure & Jobs of the Future; National Security Speakers - DCCC Chair Congr Ben Ray Lujan/Congr Barbara Lee/Congr Mark DeSaulnier, Congr Jackie Spier/Congr Anna Eshoo/Congr Zoe Lofgren/Congr Eric Swalwell, Tom Steyer/DCCC Recruitment VC Congr Katherine Clark (MA 5)/Former US Ambassador under Obama to Afghanistan and Lieutenant General (ret.) Karl Eikenberry. Six women congr candidates from around the country: Angie Craig (MN-2), Chrissy Houlahan (PA-6), Abby Finkenauer (IA-1), Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-2), and Susie Lee (NV-3). as well as Gov Jerry Brown and his wife Ann addressed the lunch guests.

Secretary Baumann:

- Watched livestream of the DNC Unity Reform Commission meeting in Las Vegas on October 18. Some members advocate making process more inclusive and democratic (end super-delegates, have more same-day voter registration and allow Independents to vote in all Democratic primaries...in my opinion, critical to nominating candidates that can win nationally, since independents are the largest voting block). Nina Turner pointed out that New York's registration requirement (almost a full year in advance) undermines credibility of Democrats like herself in Ohio when they try to protest Republicans making it harder to vote (as in, no state makes it harder to vote than NY, which is entirely controlled by Democrats).
- Encouraged DCC members to read Politico article about Donna Brazile's new book HACKS and what she says needs fixing at the DNC.
- **Personal statement:** I have been a registered Democrat since the 1980's. I was proud of what the party stood for. Voted blue-no-matter-who for 35 years, but 2016 made me realize how voting blue-no-matter-who gave license to keep lowering the bar (taking our votes for granted, because "the other side is worse"). I hope the DNC makes the party more inclusive, more democratic, and more progressive, to make it reflect & represent most Americans. Issue polls show that the country as a whole has moved leftward, while our leadership has shifted rightward, following corporate money. For the sake of the country as well as the Democratic party, I hope that pressure from the ground-up from DCC's like ours can encourage our leadership to make the right choices to fix this party.

Treasurer Evans:

- 10-1-2017 to 10-31-2017 BOH = \$8567.75
- General Fund: In October we received \$4,169 for the BBQ and \$10 for glassware at the BBQ. We paid Dean & Company \$456 for accounting which includes \$150 for 3 months of Net File, \$185 for the Fair dinner and tickets, \$11 for voter registration supplies, \$840 for BBQ expenses, \$19 for Act Blue fees, and \$800 for BBQ facility deposits. Our balance on hand is \$8,568.

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

- Met in October – have strong candidates, need more school board nominees.
- Reviewed questionnaire for candidates.
- Next meeting will be November 27.

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

REPORT ON BBQ FUNDRAISER:

- Asked if any outstanding BBQ reimbursement requests.
- Has been tracking the BBQ details for ten years so we can determine how successful we have been and where we can improve.
- This year our gross income was \$10,959 which is \$1,585 more than our budget estimate and second only to the 2013 income of \$11,825. Our expenses were \$2,559 which is \$838 more than the budget estimate and the third highest in ten years. Our \$8,400 net income was second only to the 2013 net of \$9,770. We had 146 guests which is only 2 less than the record set in 2008 and tied with 2013.

Income highlights;

1. We raised the third highest income from sponsors at \$5,750. (*plus \$500 from Moke Simon, check delivered at this meeting*)
2. \$3,447 for entry donations was second only to the \$3,816 we received in 2008. 86% of entry donations came from reservations which is the highest by 26%. This was probably due to the discount we offered for reservations and it reduced the crowd waiting to get in at the reception tables.
3. This year, last year and 2013 were by far the most donations received for beverages at \$182, \$178 and \$180 respectively.
4. \$1,340 in silent auction donations was second only to \$2,146 in 2008. \$1,324 in 2013 is third highest. The presentation by Evelyn, Jon and Linda was superb.
5. \$123 for the flag raffle was the fourth lowest in ten years.
6. \$107 for leftover tri tip donations was the third highest in ten years.

Expense highlights;

1. 344 was the least invitations mailed and \$528 was the lowest cost in ten years and did not reduce attendance.
 2. \$70 was the second highest price we paid for printing the programs and they were the best I've seen.
 3. \$280 for facility rent was the third highest in ten years. We can keep this cost lower if we work only with Melissa at Clearlake City Hall and if we are clear not to rent more space than we need.
 4. \$372 for tri tip and chicken was the second lowest in ten years and \$72 over budget. When off set by the leftover donations it was \$35 under budget.
 5. \$855 for side dishes was \$625 over budget and the highest cost in ten years by \$600. I don't think the quality of the food was worth the additional cost. Also, there was insufficient price shopping because the lead person dropped out.
 6. \$199 for beverages was the highest cost in ten years by \$97. This was partially off set by a \$20 donation for left over beer. And all the wine was donated. I suggest we make a greater effort to reduce our inventory of left over beer, soda, coffee and opened wine for additional donations.
- James Evans initially moved that we pay 1/3 of our net (\$2,797.35) to the Democratic Club for their services, then **withdrew the motion** so he can recalculate totals (including additional revenue received at meeting tonight) and make new motion next month.

Regarding: we have not responded to the request from the California Democratic Council for donations to help with the cost of hosting our website.

- James Evans moved that we donate \$100 to the CDC for their hosting of our web site. Susan Cameron seconded. **APPROVED**
- James Evans moved that we donate \$100 to CDP every year for website, and that he add this as a line item to the budget. (Annual donation would continue until LCDP votes to discontinue.) Deb Baumann seconded. **APPROVED**

Additional Discussion:

Sissa Harris said BBQ attendees asked for local wines and beers.

Issues* -- D3 Deb Baumann, Chair / D1 Ron Green, D1 Doug Harris, D2 Shirley Howland, D3 Louis Rigod, D4 Jim Knox, D5 Deb Boivin, Alternate Reps for Garamendi, Thompson, McGuire, Aguiar-Curry
 Committee did not meet, no report.

Becky Curry requested committee discuss SB1 gas tax at next meeting.

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

Chair Boivin not present. No report.

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/>

Annual BBQ – Becky Curry, Chair – said James Evans covered everything in his report.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Holiday Party – December 9 from 12-6pm potluck at Stephanie Pahwa’s house in Hidden Valley Lake, carpooling encouraged and Stephanie will need list of names to give the gate in advance.

New Business

Announcements

- Next meeting will be Thursday, December 7, at 6:30pm at Kelseyville Sr Center – guest John Hess, candidate for Planning Commissioner.
- Tom Jordan encouraged attendance at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) fundraiser on November 12 from 3:30-5pm at Barra Winery
- Totes for Teens – Susan Cameron distributed information about this project to help local youth.

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann