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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2014 – Social Hall of United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair, Adckinjo Esutoki. The members pledged the flag.

Officers present: Adckinjo Esutoki, Richard East, John Sheehy, and Carlene Leskar. 16 members and 2 non-members signed the official role.

June 10th Club minutes approved. Minutes of Executive Committee conference call June 11th approved.

July agenda approved.

Officer Reports –

- Chair: Adckinjo reported attending a Website Workshop for WordPress Content Managers. He set up websites for both Stonewall and Lake County Democratic Clubs. His official title is now Super Webmaster. Both clubs will need **Content Managers**. Member Gary Foote had to withdraw from taking on this position for the Club as well as writing the **Newsletter**. Anyone interested in either position for LCDC should contact Adckinjo.

The DCC E-Board meets July 11 - 13 at the Oakland Marriott. Adckinjo and Becky Curry will attend.

Thanks to Lake County voters, Betty Yee won the Controller position by 481 votes. It was unknown whether John Perez would request a recount.

Encouraged members to bring new people to our meetings.

- Vice Chair: Richard East announced upcoming speakers: Aug. 12th – Craig Cheslog; Sept. 9th – tentatively Dana Dean; Nov. 11th – Mister Phillips, an active Democrat in the African-American Caucus. Richard will contact Chris Rogers, who is also Mike McGuire's campaign manager, about getting Congresswoman Mariko Yamada to speak to the Club in October.
- Treasurer: Balance on hand: \$7,319.

Richard introduced guest speaker, Mike McGuire, candidate for District 2 State Senate seat. Mr. McGuire thanked the Club for its support in the primary and announced a Town Hall gathering that he and Congresswoman Mariko Yamada will be hosting at Library Park in Lakeport on Thurs. Aug. 7th. There will be a free Pasta King dinner. The Town Hall will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



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Mr. McGuire spoke on jobs and the economy, schools, senior services, medical care and Lake County. On the economy - the state needs a bipartisan Select Committee on Rural Economies, specifically to address getting increased access to broadband and making changes to the gas tax, which is mostly spent on infrastructure in SoCal. On schools – he would like to see more Career Tech and Job Skill classes so that no child is without access to skills needed to enter the work force. On seniors and medical care – all services are underfunded including MediCare reimbursements.

Lake County needs a state senate office. Mr. McGuire has already spoken with the new Senate President Pro-Tem-elect, Kevin de Leon about acquiring an office and staffing a part-time position. If he wins the election he may need to ask for volunteer help from the Clubs and DCC.

Standing Committee Reports –

- Membership: Judy Conard reported the Club has 10 new members. Renewal letters for the 3rd quarter dues have been mailed.

Ongoing Business –

Paula Mune gave the July 3rd Central Committee report. Jeri Spittler, candidate for BOS District 2 has acquired a campaign HQ in Clearlake in the former Happy Chef restaurant. * Victor Christy spoke on Prop 46 “Patients and Providers to Protect Access and Contain Health Costs.” He is asking the DCC to take a negative position, because it is a flawed initiative combining three elements into one. * Sunol Grayhorse gave Mike Thompson’s June report, Joy Swetnam gave John Garamendi’s report, Judy Conard gave Mariko Yamada’s report. All reports are on the website. * Lake Co. Dem. Club moved their meeting site to Lower Lake Methodist Church. Stonewall Club will resume meeting monthly rather than bimonthly; next meeting July 28th. * Shirley Howland reported that the Issues Committee has been asked for a position on AB 2145. Chair Becky Curry will find out Sen. Noreen Evan’s position on the bill. * Date of Aug. DCC changed to Wed. Aug. 6th, because of conflict with Town Hall in Lakeport on Aug. 7th.

Becky Curry reported on the status of plans for the Legislators’ BBQ on Oct. 5th - 2pm to 5pm. Silent auction items are needed. Items will be collected by Norm and Celesta Deter at the DCC meeting on Wed. Aug. 6th. Or you can bring items to Becky at the Club meeting on Aug. 12th. Music will be provided by David Neft. Speakers: Mike Thompson, John Garamendi, Fiona Ma, Mike McGuire and Betty Yee. Richard East, Larry Baron and Tony Spittler barbequing. Paula and Wanda Quitiquit arranging for sides. Stonewalls running the wine tables.



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Becky reported that for the Lakeport Campaign Headquarters she has obtained the front of Judy Conard's law office on Main Street in Lakeport. Plans are to open by Sept. 6th or 7th. We will need an organizer. Sign-ups for staffing the HQ will be distributed soon. One caveat – if the property manager finds a long-term renter in the next couple of weeks, we cannot have the space. Luisa Acosta's office will be the back-up. The Clearlake HQ will be in Jeri Spittler's campaign office. She will coordinate staffing.

Regarding the County Fair Voter Registration booth sign-ups, Mike McGuire will take a shift. Louis Rigod is in charge of getting entrance tickets for everyone who has volunteered. Sorhna Jordan will take care of the daily cash box. Still need set-up and tear-down crews. Contact Becky Curry if you want to help.

Next business on the agenda was to form and fill the standing and ad-hoc committees that are specified in our bylaws. Louis Rigod volunteered to serve as Club Historian. Sign-up sheets were distributed for the remaining committees and the members are as follows:

Membership – Judy Conard, Paula Mune, Mitch Markowitz, John Brosnan.

Voter Services – Becky Curry, Shirley Howland, Louis Rigod, Carlene Leskar, Judy Conard.

Candidates and Issues Endorsements – Richard East, Louis Rigod, Mitch Markowitz.

Ways and Means Committee, which coordinates fund raising activities, remains unfilled.

Chair would like to see at least five members in each committee. You may call Adckinjo or contact us through our email (lakecodemclub@gmail.com) if you would like to join. Or you can sign up at our August meeting.

New Business –

John Sheehy moved that the Club pick up the tab for refreshments each month. Motion was amended to place a cap of \$10 or a reasonable amount each month. Amendment carried. Main motion carried. Reimbursement forms are to be submitted to Treasurer each month.

John Sheehy discussed the plans for five (5) Dollar General Stores in the North Shore communities. He encouraged members to follow the actions of their Planning Commissions closely. Public doesn't always pay attention unless a conflict comes before the Board of Supervisors as was the case when three business owners in Nice objected. There are currently major use permits for stores in Nice and Clearlake



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Oaks. And three more stores are in the plans. Becky also added that plans for a Super Walmart have been reactivated.

Announcements –

Sorhna Jordan thanked the Club for our help. Her campaign is still alive. She is planning some house parties. If you are interested in sponsoring one, contact her at sorhnali@votesorhna.com.

Moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carlene Leskar, Secretary

Next meeting will be on Aug. 12th @ 6 p.m.

Lower Lake Community United Methodist Church

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Speaker Craig Cheslog, CDP Region 2 Director