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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2014 – Social Hall of United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Adckinjo Esutoki. The members pledged the flag.

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

Minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

November agenda amended: election of officers is on the agenda under New Business. **MOTION:** Mitch Markowitz moved that we postpone election of new officers until December. In the meantime, a committee can be formed to contact members to find those interested in holding office. **Moved, seconded, approved.** Mitch Markowitz and Jeri Spittler volunteered to solicit members.

Officer Reports –

- **Chair: Adckinjo Esutoki** will be attending a California Democratic Council workshop in Sacramento on Jan. 24th – *How to Run a Meeting*. There will also be training for Treasurers. Anyone interested in attending can call 619-573-9560. You can also tune in and watch the website training in San Diego online at [www.ustream.tv/channel/california-democratic-council](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/california-democratic-council) on November 16, 2014 \*Will attend E-Board meeting in San Diego this weekend. \* Welcomed new member David Smith.
- **Vice Chair: Richard East** gave the election percentage results. There are still over 5,000 ballots to count. Lake County is heavily Democratic, esp. along the North Shore communities. However, none of the local issues we supported passed and only one candidate we supported won. Our Issues and Candidates Committee for 2016 needs to be more powerful and to start vetting earlier.
- **Secretary: Carlene Leskar** will contact Betty Malley with the church to confirm our rental space for 2015.
- **Treasurer: John Sheehy** reported that the Club's current balance on hand is \$6,870.

Adckinjo introduced our guest speaker Anne Rubin, Manager of Planned Parenthood of Northern California, located at 14671 Olympic Drive, Clearlake. It has recently expanded to include Eureka. There are 22 clinics between San Ramon and the Oregon border. Unfortunately, some of the smaller affiliates have had to close due to lack of funding. Planned Parenthood is approaching its 100-year anniversary. Some of the services provided are: family planning, birth control, testing and treatment for STD's, cancer screening, HIV testing and counseling, pregnancy testing and counseling, and medical abortions. Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30am to 5:00pm. Call for appointment: 707-995-2261.

The Clearlake center is taking in clients from as far away as Ft. Bragg and Laytonville, because hospitals in those areas have stopped providing these services. As a result our Clearlake center is not quite fiscally breaking even, because it is paying shared expenses of the group at large. There is some reimbursement from Family Pact and Medi-Cal. And in the

near future they hope to begin getting reimbursement from Medicare and private insurances. But for the present, they rely on grants and donations to survive.

There is a great need for the services of the center here. Lake County ranks last among other California counties for high teen birth rates, STD rates, mortality and suicide rates. Fortunately, Lake County was recently chosen to be part of *The Way to Wellville* 5-year challenge to help us create a healthier community. For more information on The Way to Wellville challenge go to [www.hiccup.co](http://www.hiccup.co).

(Planned Parenthood is not to be confused with the Center for Life Choices which has a portable clinic which serves women in Mendocino and Lake counties.)

**MOTION:** Richard East moved that the Club donate \$500 to Planned Parenthood of Northern California. **Moved, seconded, approved.**

Standing Committee Reports –

- **Membership: Chair Judy Conard (P Mune, M. Markowitz, J. Brosnan, B. Sabatier).** No report.
- **Voter Services: Chair C. Leskar (J. Conard, S. Howland, B. Curry, L. Rigod).** No report.
- **Candidates and Issues Endorsement: Chair R. East (L. Rigod, M. Markowitz, B. Manners).** No report.
- **Ways and Means: Chair Tom Jordan (Gary Foote, Bruno Sabatier, Sorhna Jordan).** Adckinjo suggested that we might write letters asking for support from newly elected state legislators.

**Media reports** – Carlene will have to contact the Record Bee as they did not post our meeting announcement this month even given a 2-week notice.

Ad Hoc committee reports –

- **Historian: Louis Rigod** questioned what the Club wants included. Some suggestions were to include issues that caused the Club to form, places we've held our past meetings, and some of the major issues we've championed over the years. James Evans has already given Louis a CD with some minutes from earlier meetings. Carlene will provide minutes from the past two years.
- **Newsletter: Virginia Cerenio (Sorhna Jordan).** A new crossword puzzle and political cartoon are now posted on the website. [www.lakecountymdemocraticclub.org](http://www.lakecountymdemocraticclub.org).
- **Content Manager: Adckinjo** posts President Obama's weekly address every week. This week his address contained a salute to Veterans.

Ongoing Business – Virginia Cerenio gave the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> DCC report. \* Congresswoman Yamada's monthly report was given by Judy Conard. \* Stonewall Club's next meeting is Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> @7pm (6:30-potluck). \* Preliminary data released shows that statewide only 32% of the electorate voted. \* The Committee is in need of an assistant treasurer. \* Louis and Becky of the DCC Issues Committee will draft a letter to the President, for DCC approval, expressing deep concerns over the continued bombings in Syria and Iraq. \* The members voted to change the meeting start time to 6:30 pm instead of 6 pm. Next meeting will be in Lakeport.

UDC Headquarters – Becky thanked Anne Rubin, Bill Manners, Paula Mune and Ron Green for helping to tear down the headquarters. She reported to the Club that she has been phoning Sen. Mike McGuire and Congressman Bill Dodd daily to persuade them to take over the UDC space for a Field Office.

BBQ final numbers are not ready yet per James Evans.

New Business –

As noted earlier, election of officers will take place at the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A member survey for 2015 was passed out. It was requested that it be returned by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> so that the results can be discussed at the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have not already done so, please complete the attached online survey and return. Thank you.

Adckinjo opened the floor for discussion of a new meeting time and/or day. **MOTION:** Shirley Howland moved that the start time be moved to 6:30pm on Tuesdays rather than the current start time of 6pm. Further discussion revealed that several members were in favor of changing the meeting to Saturdays earlier in the day so Shirley withdrew her motion. **MOTION:** Bill Manners moved that the secretary investigate the availability of several sites for a Saturday meeting. **AMEND:** Mitch Markowitz amended the previous motion to postpone discussion and voting until after Jan. 2015 when the new officers are installed; **moved, seconded, approved.** The main motion of investigating Saturday availability was then approved and will be taken up in January.

Announcements –

**2015 Member Survey forms are due back by December 5<sup>th</sup> by either email or snail-mail.**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carlene Leskar, Secretary

**Next meeting will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - @ 6 p.m.**

**Lower Lake Community United Methodist Church**

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