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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2015 – Social Hall of United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Adckinjo Esutoki. The members pledged the flag.

Officers present: Adckinjo Esutoki, Richard East, John Sheehy, and Carlene Leskar, acting as secretary in the absence of Judy Conard. 13 members signed the official roll.

May minutes amended as follows: Change Membership Committee's goal for increasing membership to 15%.

June agenda amended as follows: add David Smith to Membership Committee; add Community Choice Aggregation under Candidates and Issues Committee.

Wally Holbrook was the guest speaker. He gave a history of the Way to Wellville Challenge – how it came about, what has been accomplished in the first 100 days, and what the current organizational structure looks like. The Hubs in Upper Lake and Lower Lake as well as the Hero Project are both good vehicles for providing communication between services and the community. Politically, this is a natural for grassroots Democrats to support. Look for more to come.

Officer Reports –

- Chair: A. Esutoki reported that the CADEM 2016 contest is over and that he won the backstage pass to the May convention. You can still contribute to CADEM even though the contest is over. * David Smith resigned as the Club's representative to the DCC. We will need a new rep.; please consider taking this on if you aren't involved on other committees. As an added incentive, the Club will pay your DCC membership fees. Moira Harris will serve temporarily until a replacement is found.
- Vice Chair: R. East reported that a Dollar General Store in Kelseyville was denied by the Planning Commission but still has to go before the Board of Supervisors. * Jim Steele will be the guest speaker for July.
- Treasurer: J. Sheehy reported the balance on hand is \$6,678.90. One renewal.

Standing Committee Reports –

- Membership: Chair C. Leskar reported that the committee met on June 1st. In attendance were J. Conard, D. Smith, A. Esutoki, J. Sheehy and C. Leskar. Renewal letters for the 1st and 2nd quarters have been mailed. Long term, the committee plans to have a letter-writing campaign to former members as well as to Democrats-at-large in Lake County inviting them to join the Club. * Dave Smith looked into the ability to announce our meetings and speakers on public access TV. B. Curry confirmed that our Club is a non-profit political organization so we meet the station's guidelines.

- Voter Services: Chair B. Curry reported we will staff voter registration tables at the July 4th parade in Clearlake and also at Power to the Youth on Aug. 3rd in Austin Park, Clearlake. We only need to register 5 more Democrats to receive \$50 from CDP.
- Candidates and Issues: Chair M. Markowitz was absent; however R. East reported that the committee met on May 15th. In attendance were M. Markowitz, A. Esutoki, W. Manners and R. East. They revised the *Application for Consideration of Endorsement and Candidate Questionnaire*. * B. Curry remarked on three county issues: there are some off-year school board races this year that should be researched, because in several of them Republicans are running unchallenged. Secondly, the HVL strike is at a standstill; the DCC will be writing to the Board of HVL requesting that they negotiate with their employees. Lastly, re. Community Choice Aggregation, a for-profit company which proposes to provide Lake Co. with an alternative power supplier to PG&E, please ask your Supervisor to research this proposal carefully.

Media Report – C. Leskar reported on our free Press Democrat Online Event page ad. **MOTION:** B. Curry moved that we spend \$25 to purchase a one-time promo upgrade to test the effectiveness of this type of advertising. **M/S/A.**

Ad Hoc Committee Reports –

- Historian: L. Rigod is resigning from the Candidates and Issues Committee but will remain historian. He has discovered that our Club is about 18 – 20 years old. Has met one of the founding members who will help with his research.
- Newsletter: V. Cerenio has posted the latest crossword puzzle to the website.
- Lake Co. Keep It California: S. Howland thanked everyone who worked the voter reg. table at the Lower Lake Daze on May 24th. Miniature California flags were given out to people who signed our “Keep It California” petitions. Several people signed on-scene and some took the literature home to get other family members to sign. We have two more voter registration table events this summer: July 4th and Power to the Youth. **MOTION:** B. Curry moved that we purchase 100 miniature California flags for \$120 plus 120 “Keep It California” buttons for \$36 for the tables. **Motion seconded and carried.** _Becky confirmed that we are allowed to collect donations for the club. **MOTION:** A. Rubin moved that we purchase an official donation box for appearance and security. **Motion seconded and carried.**
- Bylaws Committee: Two small changes to the Bylaws in Section III E & F re. members in good standing. **MOTION:** B. Curry moved that the Club accept the changes. **Motion seconded and carried.**

Ongoing Business –

- B. Curry gave the DCC report. * Lakeport meeting to discuss WalMart Expansion. * WellStone Training for Lake Co. candidates was June 9th. There is an online class. Will post the web address. * CDP endorsed school vaccinations. * Bill Dodd event successful. * W. Holbrook gave Mike Thompson’s report (posted on website). * J. Swetnam gave John Garamendi’s report. * J. Luiz gave Mike McGuire’s report. * BBQ will be Oct. 4th.
- C. Leskar is preparing a list of members in good standing to submit to CDP by July 1st. To date we have 61 paid-up members.

- S. Howland reported that she only registered one Democratic voter; however, there was a lot of interest in Keep It California at the Lower Lake Daze booth. Suggests writing to our legislators.

New Business –

Announcements – Monica Rosenthal, candidate for District 1 Supervisor, is hosting a Campaign Mixer on June 26th from 4 – 7 pm at Gregory Graham Winery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carlene Leskar, Acting Secretary

Next meeting will be on July 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Social Hall of the United Methodist Church

16255 Second Street, Lower Lake