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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2018

Meeting at the Methodist Church Social Hall in Lower Lake was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Susan Cameron, who welcomed all and made introductions for new faces in the crowd.

34 total in attendance, 32 members and 2 guests, including Officers: Chair Susan Cameron, Vice Chair Louis Rigod, Treasurer Steve Wylie and Secretary Pauline Pavon.

MOTION: Approval of agenda. Carried.

MOTION: Approval of April minutes. Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SHARE GOOD NEWS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Borjon mentioned that it's difficult for some of us to hear when there is cross talk in the room. Please be polite and refrain from speaking unless the chair recognizes you.

Chair announced:

“Chasing Coral” playing at the Soper Reese; sponsored by Unitarian Universalists. She and 4 others are organizing a meet and greet in HVL on 5/19 for candidates Susan Kronen and Shanda Harry. Need to get their names out to people in Hidden Valley Lake!

Secretary Pauline Pavon gave a report about her attendance at Rock the Congress in Napa. It was inspiring, with lots of people there and a lot of energy.

Stephanie Pahwa mentioned a Kaiser Permanente strike that is coming. Picketing at Santa Rosa facility planned. Since the current presidential administration has been in office, there is a decidedly different business environment that has emboldened executives to squeeze labor unions and violate labor contracts.

PollyAnn Johnston routed a sign-up sheet for Susan Kronen's campaign.

Ceva Giumelli mentioned that no one on the BOS seems to support higher wages for IHSS workers. Appeal presented at BOS meeting April 17th was met with boredom from most Supes.

OFFICER REPORTS –

Chair Susan Cameron

- Essie Coons has resigned as Membership Committee chair. Carlene will fill in for interim and keep roster current. Need a replacement person to step up.
- Participated in EarthFest on 4/21 at Running Creek Casino. It was an opportunity put together on 2 days notice. Thanks to Club members for help in making it happen. Venues which do not allow partisan materials may not be worth the effort.

- Working with a website designer to get our new logo on the website banner, and make a few other improvements (which is beyond scope of ‘maintenance & update’ that Robin is doing so well).
- Participating in Shanda Harry’s campaign. Mailed 120 postcards so far, with commitment to get 400 done.
- Louis was out of commission for a few months, so Chair contacted locals from Sierra Club about speaking at June, or future, meeting.
- After SEIU presentation last month, prompted to write email to BOS Simon. IHSS workers receiving a living wage is beneficial for Lake County, even though the County contributes only \$0.17 of every wage dollar paid. Chair points out that we have programs to hear about issues, but we have no action plan to address the problem. Chair asked for a point person on this issue. Ceva volunteered.
- While advertising in Middletown Mercury has been consistently present, not so in Lake County News. Problematic and will be addressed at next meeting. Continue working on visibility opportunities and ways to get Hispanic community involved.
- Still talking with someone about help with fundraising. Without a Chair, Fundraising is pretty much not do-able.

Vice Chair Louis Rigod - Working with Susan to schedule a guest speaker for June. Perhaps a less political speaker at a summer meeting, for a break . . . ?

Treasurer Steve Wylie – Thanks to members for donations; \$100 collected from our meeting last month. Now on the bank signatory card and working on on-line access and features. Upcoming expenditures for candidates. Balance on hand is \$7754.

MOTION: Rich East explained that candidate Susan Kroner asked the LCDCC if they could donate any more money for her campaign. He made the motion that the Club give another \$100. Seconded. Carried.

Secretary Pauline Pavon already reported earlier.

PROGRAM: Vice Chair Louis Rigod introduced our Guest Speaker Bruno Sabatier, candidate for the BOS, District 2. Bruno thanked Democrats for our support in his Clearlake City Council bid in 2014. He really thinks he could do well in a position on the Board of Supervisors. Generally discussed our rural county and the economic outlook. He’s not a fan of Measure G because it’s not targeted for a specific use. Suggested solution for the 25% vacancy rate of job positions within County government. He suggested Lake County work to become the first Certified Organic County in California. Certified Organic producers get paid more for their produce; ecotourism, etc. discussed. Committed to addressing homeless issue once elected. He opened up for questions from those in attendance, and a lively discussion of economics and politics in Lake County ensued.

Meeting recessed at 7:47 p.m. Reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Membership & Outreach: Assistant Chair Carlene Leskar Due to recent resignation, roster not current so Chair guesstimated about 110 members.

Candidates & Issues Acting Chair Rich East Committee was mailed info on the 5 propositions; all concur with DCC’s position. YES on all ballot propositions except Prop

70. Louis Rigod analyzed Proposition 70 as well. Rich East thanked Carlene Leskar for preparing his report.

Voter Services Chair Mary Borjon Since last meeting, 5 new volunteers trained including two that also speak Spanish. LCDCC stamp has been received and is in use. Thanks to Daniel Meyers for his assistance on Cinco de Mayo. Looking for someone to drive a classic car in Lower Lake Daze parade. Upper Lake Days, Power to the Youth, etc. are upcoming. Submitted upcoming venues & dates for publication on the website.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT – All local candidates attended the May 5 Meet & Greet. A fun & upbeat event. Outreach to the Spanish speaking community did not, however, result in any Spanish speakers attending. Probably a break-even event dollar-wise. Chair has sent an email to candidates asking for their feedback as to effectiveness of this kind of event for future.

ONGOING BUSINESS – Implementing the strategic plan: VISIBILITY throughout the County. The Lower Lake Daze parade is on Sunday May 27th; would anyone be willing to carry a banner for Lake County Democrats? We'll have an 8 foot banner by then. Four members volunteered to attend.

NEW BUSINESS – Implementing the Strategic Plan: Campaign opportunity to help our endorsed candidates get elected: Chair reiterated that she is assisting with post-card writing for Shanda Harry. Has prepared 100 postcards in packs of 10, each with instructions and stamps. Bag passed around ad members asked to take a packet and get them done & mailed. PollyAnn reminded us that Susan Krones' campaign needs more active volunteers! Chair asked for volunteers willing to walk and/or call voters for Susan Krones' campaign. PollyAnn routed a sign-up sheet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31p. m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday June 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, 16255 Second Street in Lower Lake.