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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes DRAFT – November 14, 2018

Meeting at the Methodist Church Social Hall in Lower Lake was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chair Susan Cameron. 13 persons total in attendance, including Chair Susan Cameron. Two new guests were in attendance and introduced themselves. Carlene Leskar recorded the minutes.

October minutes approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SHARE GOOD NEWS – PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Good news re. election outcomes: every candidate we endorsed, with the exception of Herb Gura, got elected. California restored its 2/3 majority in both state houses. And it looks like we helped Katie Hill get elected by writing 500 postcards. Congrats to all who worked so hard!
- Members shared stories about Democratic candidates who won across the country and the state of unresolved elections in Georgia and Florida.
- Dirk Slooten thanked the club for our assistance with his successful campaign for Clearlake City Council. He outlined some of his ideas for the city.

OFFICER REPORTS -

Chair Susan Cameron:

- Attended a HealthCare for All meeting in Southern California. They plan to reorganize and consolidate all their coalitions into one legal entity.
- Sent out about 30 thank you notes to all the big BBQ donors – both financial and service donors.
- Volunteered weekly at the UDC office. The office was well-staffed, and both Congressmen John Garamendi and Mike Thompson stopped by on one occasion.
- Did some walking with both candidate Dirk Slooten and candidate Shanda Harry.
- Worked the polls in Clearlake. Chair also noted that the plan is to institute 100% mail-in ballots in 2020. Our group should be involved with that change.

Treasurer: Balance on hand \$4,899 (reported by Chair).

NEW BUSINESS –

Planning for 2019: The funds from the BBQ will be used for the 2020 elections. The primaries in 2020 have been moved up to March so our work begins in 2019.

As to the future of the Democratic Club in Lake County, the Club and the DCC are separate entities requiring double sets of officers, double Bylaws, double insurance policies as well as state-mandated reporting periods for each entity. In addition we maintain two membership rosters and two websites. The club has been functioning for

nearly two years without a complete slate of officers, committee chairs or active committees. Recently our Secretary and Treasurer resigned.

The Chair sees two options for the club going forward. Either attempt to elect new officers for 2019, which we are supposed to do in December, or dissolve the club and become part of the Central Committee. If we decide to dissolve the club, the process can begin promptly to ensure the correct procedures are followed.

The Chair's vision is to dissolve the club and join the Lake County Central Committee as Associate Members, who have all the rights of regular members except voting rights. She sees the club becoming a standing committee of the DCC, perhaps called the Program Committee. As the Program Committee it would continue to meet on the 2nd Wednesday as we do now and continue to invite speakers and plan other programs. However, the group would function under the bylaws of the Central Committee.

Of course this must meet with the approval of the DCC. The club members present at this meeting all agreed conceptually to the plan to dissolve the club and present the Chair's vision to the DCC in December. If they agree, Susan will bring a draft of the formal Resolution for Dissolution to the December Club meeting for review. Then a final document will be prepared and presented for final vote at the January meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Membership Committee: Carlene Leskar reported that we currently have a membership of 108. Oct. and Nov. renewal letters have been mailed. Will not mail Dec. renewals until disposition of the club is resolved.

Voter Services: Chair Mary Borjon reported no new voter registration dates scheduled at this time. Chloe Karl, Mary's counterpart in the DCC, asked Mary to take over the lead for the combined Voter Services Committee.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT –

Becky Curry appealed to members to consider becoming voting members on the DCC. Her prepared report details and explains the county party's open voting seats. See attachment: "Democratic Party of Lake County 2018 Voting Seats"

Worthy of note: Denise Rushing has resigned as Ex Officio Alternate for Sen. Mike McGuire. Also an Ex Officio Alternate is still needed for Congressman Mike Thompson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be on Dec. 12th at the Social Hall in Lower Lake 6:30 p.m.