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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2014 – Social Hall of United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair, Adckinjo Esutoki. The members pledged the flag.

Officers present: Adckinjo Esutoki, Richard East, John Sheehy, James Evans and Carlene Leskar. 19 members and 1 non-member signed the official role.

July minutes – vote to accept minutes as presented carried.

August agenda amended to change the first New Business item from “UDC HQ” to “Jeri Spittler’s HQ/ Distribution Center for CDP.” Vote to accept agenda as amended carried.

Vice-Chair introduced guest speaker Craig Cheslog, California Democratic Party (CDP) Region 2 Director.

Mr. Cheslog spoke about what a Regional Director does. California is divided into 20 regions. Our Region 2 contains 8 counties. There are 58 counties in California; all but 2 of them have a Democratic Central Committee (DCC). The basic job description of the Regional Director is to serve as a liaison between the CDP and the various Clubs and DCC’s. Mr. Cheslog puts out a Newsletter frequently. To be on a list to receive his Newsletter, contact him at craig@cademregion2.com. As Director he has targeted specific areas for the November election so that resources can be directed to these areas.

Regarding the Propositions for Nov., Gov. Brown and the CDP have made last-minute changes. If you already have copies of the Propositions, you will want to note these changes: Prop 43 will now be labeled “Proposition 1 California Water Bond,” Prop 44 will now be “Proposition 2 California Rainy Day Fund.” In addition Proposition 49 has been dropped from the ballot at the direction of the Calif. Supreme Court.

Mr. Cheslog encouraged everyone to sign up for CADEM 2014 with either a one-time or an automatic monthly contribution which can be as small as \$5/month. All contributions collected through CADEM are *federal qualified dollars* meaning they can be used anywhere Democrats need them even in local elections. You can donate by going to www.CADEM2014.org and clicking on CONTRIBUTE.

In addition to serving as Regional Director, Mr. Cheslog is the Principal Advisor to State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. In this capacity he spoke about the new school standards and funding formulas. He answered many questions from the membership concerning the future of Education in California.



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Officer Reports –

- Chair: Adckinjo Esutoki commended the Club for answering the call to establish Standing Committees. All of these committees have been filled except the Ways and Means Committee. * Encouraged all members to sign up for CADEM 2014. Link to CADEM can be found on the DCC website – www.lakecountymdemocrats.org.
- Vice-Chair: Rich East gave an update on the WalMart expansion project which has been reactivated.
- Treasurer: John Sheehy reported Club has a balance on hand of \$7,372. Budget has been updated; thanks given to James Evans for his help. Vote to accept Treasurer's report carried.
- Vice Treasurer: James Evans requested that Club get key deposit back from previous meeting site, Lower Lake Community Action Center. Adckinjo will follow up.

Adckinjo gave the floor to Ron Green to report on abuses to civil liberties that have been happening in the county since Aug. 1st. County enforcement has been sending in 6-man teams in camouflage gear without search warrants, knocking down gates and cutting down marijuana plants. Mr. Green is working on a lawsuit against these civil abuses. If you hear any stories please have the citizens contact [Ron Green at 272-3893](mailto:Ron.Green@272-3893).

Standing Committee Reports –

- Membership: Chair J. Conard, P. Mune, M. Markowitz, J. Brosnan. No report. Club Chair Adckinjo asked committee to set membership goals for next year. Adckinjo introduced new member Bruno Sabatier and asked him to join the committee.
- Voter Services: C. Leskar, B. Curry, S. Howland, L. Rigod, J. Conard. * Carlene reported on the Social Services and Wellness Fair that Congressman John Garamendi hosted Aug. 2nd. County Health and Social Service Groups were well represented at the Fair. Congressman announced that Lake County is a finalist in a nationwide competition called the Way to Wellville. The 5 winning communities will be the recipients of a wealth of innovative health improvement ideas and techniques to lower healthcare costs and improve quality of healthcare. Winners to be announced sometime in August. * Becky Curry reported on a Lake County Field Organizer paid position being sought by the Garamendi campaign. If you know of a young, motivated individual who might be interested, contact [Wesley Sagewalker @ \(209\)768-2372](mailto:Wesley.Sagewalker@209-768-2372). Further information



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will be on both websites: lakecountymdemocraticclub.org and lakecountymdemocrats.org. * Bill Dodd's campaign team has asked Becky Curry and others to serve on a committee to discuss issues. Contact Becky at jb624@mchsi.com directly with issues of importance to you.

- Candidates and Issues: R. East, L. Rigod, M. Markowitz. Local measures for the Nov. election are: **Measure "O"** – Medical Marijuana Control Act; **Measure "P"** – Freedom to Garden Human Rights Restoration Act; **Measure "S"** – Healthy Lake Sales Tax; and **Measure "T"** – Lakeport Unified School District's Bond Measure. Committee to collect pros and cons of these issues.

Media Report – At the Record Bee two staff members have replaced Mandy Feder at the Community News Desk: Leah DeAnda and Kristen Krohn.

Ad Hoc Committee: Historian report – James Evans will provide past years' minutes to Louis Rigod so that he can begin a chronology.

Ongoing Business –

Paula Mune reported on the Aug. 7th DCC meeting. Wanda Harris resigned. Chair will send a letter of appreciation. Following appointments were approved: D3 John Sheehy, D4 Nelson Strasser, D5 Tom Harty, Finance Committee Holley Luia. Adckinjo Esutoki elected to Vice-Chair position. * Legislators' reports given and can be found on website. * Stonewalls resume monthly meetings. * Treasurer reported balance on hand \$3,734. * Jeri Spittler to share her HQ with the Democrats. * John Brosnan was the guest speaker. * Endorsement Comm. has sent out questionnaires to the candidates. * Issues Comm. chose Ron Green as its Chair. On AB 2145 Community Choice Energy Bill, committee recommends we oppose. * BBQ Oct. 5th. Joy Swetnam and Judy Conard to help with arrangements. Joy to design invitations. * Next meeting in Lower Lake on Sept. 4th.

United Democratic Campaign Headquarters to open Sept. 3rd. 390 No. Main St., Lakeport. Need folding chairs. Hours Mon. – Sat. noon to 6 pm.

Legislators' BBQ, Oct. 5th, need silent auction items. Contact Becky Curry or Norm and Celesta Deter. You can email the Club at lakeodemclub@gmail.com to get an *In Kind Donor Form*.

Chair reported that Club still needs a Newsletter Editor and Content Manager for our website – www.lakecountymdemocraticclub.org. Chair introduced four new members: Virginia and Tom Jordan, Gary Foote and Linda Peralta-Conway. He asked them if they would help Club out on the Ways and Means Committee or the Newsletter or Webmaster position.



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Sorhna Li Jordan asked for endorsements for her Recorder/Assessor candidacy and circulated a sign-up sheet.

New Business –

Richard East moved, James Evans seconded, that Club donate to Planned Parenthood. Discussion ensued. Shirley Howland moved that we table motion until we can schedule a speaker from Planned Parenthood. Rich and James withdrew motion. Jeri Spittler moved that we invite Anne Rubin to speak at a future meeting. Motion carried.

7th Annual Aids Walk is Sept. 13th from 10 – 2 in Library Park, Lakeport. Becky Curry moved that Club donate \$100. Motion carried. Call 995-1606 if interested in walking, donating, sponsoring or setting up a booth. Fee for booths \$50. Food booths need a permit.

Grand Opening of Jeri Spittler's Campaign Headquarters, Aug. 22nd, 14196 Lakeshore Blvd, Clearlake. Jeri has offered to share her HQ with the Lake Co. United Democratic Campaign to use as a distribution center for literature, signs, etc. for our Democratic candidates. It will be a great advantage to have an office on the East side of the Lake. Will need volunteers to staff the office. If you wish to volunteer your time please contact us through Club's email – lakecodemclub@gmail.com. Or call Carlene Leskar @ 998-1142.

Announcements –

Appreciation luncheon for Wanda Harris @ Hong Kong Restaurant, Lakeport, on Aug. 21st.

You may sign a petition to stop the WalMart Expansion online @ www.change.org/petitions/clearlake.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Carlene Leskar, Secretary

Next meeting will be on Sept. 9th @ 6 p.m.

Social Hall of Lower Lake Methodist Church

16255 Second St., Lower Lake