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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2014 – Social Hall of United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair, Adckinjo Esutoki. The members pledged the flag.

Officers present: Adckinjo Esutoki, Richard East, John Sheehy and Carlene Leskar. 17 members signed the official role.

Minutes from the September 9th meeting as well as minutes from the September 24th Executive Board conference call were approved.

October agenda amended to add Shirley Howland to speak as a member of the Voter Services Comm.

Officer Reports –

- **Chair: Adckinjo Esutoki** encouraged members to sign up with CADEM 2014. * He announced that our club officers' elections will be next month. * Attended the California Democratic Party Region 2 meeting on September 20th * Will be attending the E Board meeting in San Diego. * Worked at the 21st Annual Legislators' BBQ on Oct. 5th. * Did some work on the DCC's website which is now up and running again. Additional features will be coming soon.

Adckinjo is helping with preparations for a California Democratic Council (CDC) workshop for Democratic leaders to be held on either Jan. 24th or 31st. The workshop will have website training for content managers and training for committee and club treasurers. There are also plans to have a Parliamentarian who will speak on how to run a meeting.

- **Vice Chair: Richard East** reported that there is no news on the WalMart expansion. Jeri Spittler added that the expansion is currently "dead in the water."
- **Secretary: Carlene Leskar** – no report.
- **Treasurer: John Sheehy** reported that the Club's current balance on hand is \$6,918.

Adckinjo introduced a new member, Monica Rosenthal.

Our guest speaker was Dustin Lee Wilson, who is President of the Youth Board at Harbor on Main in Lower Lake and also Student Body Vice-President at Carle High School. Dustin says that the Youth Board targets people aged 15 to 24. He says he has recently seen the stigma lifted from youth, and it is now time for them to be part of the democratic process. He believes that kids need to know what's happening. He is very interested in setting up a Democratic Youth Club in Lake County. Adckinjo says that we can put that together for the next election in 2016. Becky Curry said that most of the people who will be walking with Mike McGuire and Bill Dodd this Saturday are under 30. It would be good experience for Dustin to get a group of young volunteers to shadow these walkers.

Standing Committee Reports –

- **Membership: Chair Judy Conard (P Mune, M. Markowitz, J. Brosnan, B. Sabatier).** Judy says we had a total of 104 members; today's new member makes it 105. Everyone is encouraged to sign up one new member.
- **Voter Services: Chair C. Leskar (J. Conard, S. Howland, B. Curry, L. Rigod).** Carlene reported that the committee has been scheduling members to volunteer in the Voter Distribution Office (Jeri Spittler's Campaign Office) in Clearlake: Wed. – Sat., 3pm to 6pm. A sign up list was passed around. We need coverage at least until Oct. 20th – the deadline for registering voters for the Nov. 4th election.

Shirley Howland reported that she has placed ads in the Penny Slaver encouraging the public to register. The first ad was free; 3 more ads will follow at a total cost of \$51. Due to time constraints she paid for the ads herself without Club approval and asked for reimbursement. **MOTION:** Becky moved that the Club reimburse Shirley \$51. **Moved, seconded, approved.**

Becky Curry announced that the *Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets* have just started coming in the mail. They contain a major printing error. The first page of the Measure O description has been erroneously replaced by the first page of Measure L from the Primary in June. New pamphlets will be out next week. For questions contact Maria at the Registrar of Voter Office 263-2372.

- **Candidates and Issues Endorsement: Chair R. East (L. Rigod, M. Markowitz, B. Manners).** The Endorsement Committee reached agreement to recommend that the Club take the same positions on the Propositions that the State Democratic Party took: Prop 1 yes, Prop 2 yes, Prop 45 yes, Prop 46 neutral, Prop 47 yes, Prop 48 yes. Club approved recommendations.
- **Ways and Means: Chair Tom Jordan (Gary Foote, Bruno Sabatier, Sorhna Jordan).** No report.

Media reports – Carlene was able to reach someone at the Observer-American re. putting our monthly meeting announcement in their paper. Unfortunately, it's hit and miss; they only run community news if there's room.

Ad Hoc committee reports –

- **Historian: Louis Rigod-** nothing new to report at this time.
- **Newsletter: Virginia Cerenio (Sorhna Jordan).** Linda Peralta-Conway resigned from the news-letter committee. Crossword puzzle and political cartoon are now posted on the website.
- **Content Manager: Adckinjo** is content manager for both the DCC and the Club websites. He endeavors to post different information on each.

Ongoing Business –

Paula Mune gave the Oct. 2nd Central Committee report. Several delegate seats were filled. Members are encouraged to apply as alternates. * Legislators' reports are on the website. Mike Thompson donated a flag to the BBQ raffle. Sunol Grayhorse will no longer serve as Congressman Thompson's representative. * Becky attended the Region 2 meeting in Martinez. In January six delegates will be elected to attend the convention in May, which will be held in San Jose. * Finance - balance on hand is \$3,932. Five new Democrats joined the Central Committee. We registered 15 new Democrats at the Fair. * The election committee recommended endorsements for the following candidates: Bruno

Sabatier for Clearlake City Council and Mireya Turner for Lakeport City Council. Recommended the following measure endorsements: Yes on O, No on P, Yes on S, No on R, and Neutral on T. Next meeting will be on Nov. 6th in Lower Lake.

Paula's green director's chair is still missing. It disappeared after the BBQ. Please notify us with any info.

United Democratic Campaign Headquarters at 390 N. Main St. in Lakeport is open Wed. – Sat. from noon to 6 p.m. Phone banking will be organized. Party to be planned for election night.

Becky thanked all the BBQ volunteers. James Evans is still finalizing the proceeds. Anyone requiring reimbursement should get their paperwork in asap; all expenses need to be paid out by December.

Oct. 15th – Jeri Spittler's Campaign Headquarters in Clearlake, phone banking for District 2 voters.

Oct. 19th – Lakeport – Walking for Mike McGuire and Bill Dodd.

Field Organizer position for John Garamendi and Bill Dodd has been filled.

Measure O – Medical Marijuana Control Act: Last month the Club postponed a vote on Measure O; the motion was brought back to the table. **MOTION:** James Evans had moved that the Club endorse Measure O. After extensive discussion vote was taken by show of hands: 9 – yes; 6 - no. **Approved.** Ron Green moved that the Club contribute \$350 to the *Yes on Measure O Committee*. Vote by show of hands: 6 – yes; 8 – no. **Moved, seconded, failed.**

New Business –

Measure S: It was noted that, per the directions of the Executive Board (see minutes of the Special Meeting/Conference Call Sept. 24th), LCDC contributed \$350 to the *Save the Lake Yes on Measure S Committee*.

Announcements –

John Brosnan on Ron Green's KPFZ program Oct. 18th. Jim Steele was Ron's guest last week.

Jeri Spittler is speaking at the Judges' Breakfast at the Main Street Grill Oct. 16th. And she will be on Glenn Goodman's radio show @ 7 p.m.

Bruno Sabatier will speak at the candidates' forum at Clearlake City Hall Oct. 16th and at Yuba College Oct. 21st.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carlene Leskar, Secretary

Next meeting will be on Nov. 11th – Veterans' Day - @ 6 p.m.

Lower Lake Community United Methodist Church

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