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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – October 13, 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, James Evans and Carlene Leskar acting as secretary for member Judy Conard. 11 members and 5 non-members signed the official role.

September minutes were approved.

October agenda amended as follows: 1. Under New Business move item (b) Nominating committee for new club officers to the Candidates and Issues Committee. 2. Remove discussion items K.a. and K.b. B. Curry moved to accept changes. Seconded and approved.

Don Saylor, who is a candidate for the District 4 Assembly seat being vacated by Bill Dodd, was the guest speaker. Currently a Yolo County Supervisor, he gave his reasons for wanting to become a part of Lake County. Mr. Saylor has had extensive experience in both elected and professional government positions. He lists two of his top priorities as food security and mental health issues. You can find further information at www.donsaylor.org.

Officer Reports –

- **Chair: A. Esutoki** has updated the club website to include 2 new tabs that can be used to access minutes and agendas. * Chair also noted that Gov. Brown has signed several landmark bills, including Mike McGuire's (SB 643) Marijuana Legislation and SB 350 Climate Change Legislation. Sen. McGuire's (SB 593) Transient Occupancy Tax Bill is on the docket for 2016. In the Assembly Bill Dodd's Low-Income Water Rate Assistance bill (AB 401) is moving forward.
- **Vice Chair: R. East** asked Club if anyone who attended the Walmart community meeting would give an expansion update. Becky Curry will address this during the DCC report.
- **Secretary: J. Conard** absent. No report.
- **Treasurer: J. Sheehy** reported Club's balance on hand: \$6,358.99.
- **Vice Treasurer: J. Evans** no additional report.

Standing Committee Reports –

- **Membership: Chair C. Leskar, M. Markowitz, J. Brosnan, B. Sabatier, J. Conard.** Chair will send out 4th quarter renewal letters next month. Current paid-up membership unchanged from last month.
- **Voter Services: Chair B. Curry, J. Conard, S. Howland, L. Rigod.** Chair reported that all voter registration events for the remainder of the year have been concluded: Power to the Youth, Aids Walk and the Lake County Fair Booth. In addition Sec. of State, Alex Padilla's DMV/ voter registration bill (AB 1461) has been signed into law.
- **Candidates and Issues: Chair Mitch Markowitz, L. Rigod, B. Manners, R. East, G. Parrillo.** Chair was not in attendance due to illness. R. East reported that the final version of the Club's Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire has been printed and is ready to be given to any candidate upon request. Two questionnaires were given out to the two candidates in attendance at this meeting: Monica Rosenthal - candidate for Supervisor and Don Saylor - candidate for Assembly.
- **Ways and Means: Chair B. Sabatier, J. Evans.** Chair was not in attendance. James asked that anyone who has ideas for fundraising should let him know.
- **New Members: Debra Boivin, Don Saylor, Lois Bielenberg, Sheryl Bielenberg.** D. Boivin and L. Bielenberg volunteered for the Candidates and Issues Committee. D. Boivin and S. Bielenberg volunteered for the Ways and Means Committee. An idea to have Christmas fundraisers, perhaps a bake sale, was floated.

Media Reports – Chair C. Leskar - no report.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports –

- **Historian: Chair L. Rigod** was not in attendance.
- **Newsletter: Chair V. Cerenio** was not in attendance. Adckinjo noted that her newest crossword puzzle is on the website.
- **Lake County Keep It California: Chair S. Howland, B. Curry, A. Esutoki, J. Swetnam.** A brief description of the work of this committee was given for the benefit of the new members.

Ongoing Business –

- **Lake County Democratic Central Committee:** As there is still no DCC liaison, Becky gave the report. The DCC met Oct. 1st in Lakeport. The Legislators' BBQ was canceled due to the fire recovery efforts in the county. There will be a Candidates Event next spring. * Re. Walmart, the Party has taken the position to oppose Walmart's expansion to a Super Store. Next step will be an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which will take about 6 mos. The Party will pressure the City Council to require an Urban Decay Report as well. Public comment is closed for now.
* Next LCDCC meeting will be Nov. 5th in Lower Lake.

New Business –

- Lake County Fire Victims: Becky Curry moved that the Club donate \$1,500 to North Coast Opportunities Valley Fire Relief Fund. North Coast is coordinating the local volunteer effort; they have an application process which so far has distributed approximately 500 - \$1,500 checks. Tom Jordan noted that since there are over 2,000 applications, he would like to amend the motion to donate \$3,000. Becky accepted the amendment to her motion. Motion was seconded and carried.
- Nominating Committee for new officers for 2016: As noted earlier this will be tasked to the Candidates and Issues Committee.

Announcements –

- For the Pre-endorsement Process the Club can choose 3 delegates. Names must be submitted to Region 2 Director Craig Cheslog by Nov. 20th.
- Tom Jordan asked that the Issues Committee review the new tobacco tax initiative and report.
- Anne Rubin reported that the Soroptimists are giving gift cards to fire victims. Let Anne know if you know someone who has a need.
- Monica Rosenthal announced that Rob Brown has decided to run again for Supervisor next year.

Moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carlene Leskar, Acting Secretary

Next meeting will be on Nov. 10th @ 6 p.m.

Social Hall of the United Methodist Church

16255 Second Street, Lower Lake