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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2014 – 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, and Carlene Leskar. 14 members and non-member signed the official role .

March minutes were approved.

April agenda was approved without additions.

Emilie Gatfield, newly-elected President of the California Democratic Council, was the guest speaker. She gave a history of the CDC since its formation in the early 1950's. The CDC is chartered by the California Democratic Party; however, it is a separate entity and was created to represent grassroots voices. Its members consist of Democratic Clubs. The Council provides valuable assistance to its member clubs. The talk was followed by a lively question and answer period.

Officer Reports –

- Chair: A. Esutoki updated the Club on CADEM 2016. They are running a contest, the winner of which will win a backstage pass to the May Democratic convention. To participate you need to get people to sign up for donations to CADEM 2016. Minimum qualifying donation is either \$5/month for one year or a \$60 one-time donation. Adckinjo has envelopes if anyone is interested in entering the contest.
- Vice Chair: R. East announced the speaker for May will be Mireya Turner, Lakeport City Councilwoman. He is hoping to enlist Wally Holbrook for June to update us on the Way to Wellville project.
- Secretary: C. Leskar – no report.
- Treasurer: J. Sheehy reported the balance on hand is \$6,942.40. One renewal, no new member.

Standing Committee Reports –

- Membership: Chair J. Conard not present; no report.
- Voter Services: Chair B. Curry reported that Democrats will run a voter registration table at Lower Lake Days on Sun., May 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be solicited next month. \* She passed out a spreadsheet from the Secretary of State website showing current registered voter stats. Feb. 2015 numbers are down for almost all parties compared to Oct. 2014 numbers.

- Candidates and Issues: Chair M. Markowitz – no report. His committee will convene after the Club meeting to set up a meeting date.
- Ways and Means: Chair B. Sabatier not present; no report.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports –

- State of Jefferson Resistance: Chair Howland not present. Becky reported that she attended a meeting in Redding on April 7<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were representatives from all counties that are being pursued by the State of Jefferson organizers. They are forming a non-partisan PAC called *Keep it California* to represent all Californians who oppose breaking away to form a new state. Visit the website at [www.keepitcalifornia.org](http://www.keepitcalifornia.org) and email them at [info@keepitcalifornia.org](mailto:info@keepitcalifornia.org).

**Ongoing Business** – David Smith have the Central Committee report from April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The guest speaker was Susan Jen of Way to Wellville. \* Legislators reports – W. Holbrook gave Congressman Mike Thompson’s report; complete report can be found on the DCC website. [www.lakecountymocrats.org](http://www.lakecountymocrats.org). J. Conard gave Assemblyman Bill Dodd’s report. He is having a fundraiser on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Chacewater Winery and Olive Mill in Kelseyville. Volunteers will be needed; contact Judy Conard. \* This year’s BBQ will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>. \* HVL lost it’s legal action against Diamond Winery. Will be appealing to the Board of Supervisors.

**New Business** – Becky notified the Club that the DCC may encounter some financial difficulties raising funds for the Fair Booth this year. **Motion:** Becky asked that Club help the DCC with coverage if the Treasurer thinks it necessary. Becky amend her motion to limit pay up to \$400 if DCC Treasurer thinks financial help is necessary. **M/S/A.**

Adckinjo has formed a by-laws committee to add necessary language to Club’s by-laws re. our system of choosing pre-endorsement delegates. An up-to-date roster must be submitted to CDP Region 2 Director by July 1<sup>st</sup>. More on this next month.

**Announcements** – At the Bridge in Clearlake on Sat. at noon help available for any homeless person.

Town Hall Meeting @6 pm April 17<sup>th</sup> in Lucerne at the Senior Center.

Since no money had been allocated for the table at Lower Lake Days, John Sheehy moved that the Club approve \$25 for the registration booth. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carlene Leskar, Acting Secretary

**Next meeting will be on May 12th @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Social Hall of the United Methodist Church**

**16255 Second Street, Lower Lake**