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The Lake County Democratic Club Minutes – January 12, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by President Bill Manners in Social Hall of the United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA.

Officers present:

1. President Bill Manners
2. Vice President Richard East
3. Secretary Judy Conard
4. Treasurer John Sheehy
5. Vice Treasurer James Evans

The December minutes were approved as presented.

The January agenda was corrected with the following changes:

1. Item (B.) changed from November 9, 2015 meeting to December 8, 2015 meeting;
2. Item (E3.) Add Bill Manners' name to list of committee members;
3. (H1.) Representatives to central committee – open? Change to Debra Boivan is appointed to represent the club at the central committee. The item is taken off of the agenda.

The guest speaker was Senator Mike McGuire. Senator McGuire introduced Lake County Superintendent Jim Steele who was in attendance. The senator complimented Supervisor Steele for his efforts in Lake County. He also introduced the District Representative, Kerrie Lindecker. Ms. Lindecker provided business cards to all present who wanted her contact information.

Senator McGuire outlined some of the progress he has been able to accomplish for Lake County in 2015. The biggest item, assistance to the county and the victims of the Valley Fires. Senator McGuire is committed to being sure Lake County has the necessary resources going forward to rebuild. There was over 1.3 billion dollars in damages. The senator complimented the people of Lake County for their ability to pull together in the face of such destruction.

Senator McGuire is working with Assembly Member Bill Dodd and the Lake County B.O.S. to secure 2.2 million dollars for fire protection.

The Senator's next focus is resources for a healthy lake, including restoration of marsh land.

He is also working on a tax relief bill for businesses impacted by the Valley Fire, and a waste water collection system for Anderson Springs.

Senator McGuire also addressed the state budget. Revenues are up, there is a 12 billion dollar surplus. The priorities in the budget are:

1. Education increase to \$10,000.00 per student per year;
2. Rainy Day fund;
3. Drought, and
4. Transportation.

The challenges involved in the management and control of this senate district's marijuana crops, tobacco tax, homelessness, pay inequality, death with dignity, and the transportation bill were also discussed.

The senator took questions until 7:15 pm.

Officers' Reports –

- **Chair – Bill Manners** – no report
- **Vice Chair – Richard East** – the February speaker will be Dan Wolk. He's working on having Brian Martin speak in the future regarding security for the meetings.
- **Secretary – Judy Conard** – no report.
- **Treasurer** – balance on hand is \$3,326.75. The rent of \$45.00 has been paid in advance. The secretary of state's annual fee of \$50.00 was paid for 2016. There was one new member and three renewed members for December.
- **Vice Treasurer** – no report.

Standing Committee Reports –

- **Membership: Chair C. Leskar, M. Markowitz, J. Brosnan, B. Sabatier, J. Conard.** Carlene Leskar reported there are 87 paid members.
- **"The Voter Services committee was not on the agenda for this month."**
- **Candidates and Issues: Chair Mitch Markowitz, L. Rigod, B. Manners, R. East, G. Parrillo.** No report.

- **Ways and Means: Debra Boivan** is the new chair and plans a meeting of this committee to discuss future fund raisers.

Media Reports - Chair C. Leskar – no report.

Central Committee Report - Debra Boivan gave her first report.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports -

- **Historian: Chair L. Rigod** – reported on past meeting of 7/13/2013 in Ukiah regarding a motion to repeal Citizen's United. Discussion that followed led to suggestion that there be a future speaker on the issue of Citizen's United.
- **Newsletter: Chair V. Cerenio** - new crossword puzzle post on website.
- **Lake County Keep it California** – Becky Curry announced actions in Plumas County are the same as what happened in Lake County.

New Business –

- People displaced by the Valley Fire should contact local registrar of voters regarding how to vote in the district where registered, etc.
- New member Jim Huia is looking for volunteer opportunities.

Announcements -

- Next meeting February 9, 2016.

Moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

**Next meeting will be held on February 9th
at 6:30 pm
Social Hall of the Methodist Church
16255 Second Street, Lower Lake**