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The Lake County Democratic Club Minutes – February 9, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 by President Bill Manners in Social Hall of the United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

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 January minutes were approved as presented.

The January agenda was corrected with the following changes:

1. Item (B.) changed from November 9, 2015 meeting to January 12, 2015 meeting;
2. Sheriff Brian Martin was added to the speaker list;
3. Becky Curry requested an item added under new business.

There were two guest speakers, Dan Wolk, Mayor of Davis, California; and Lake County Sheriff, Brian Martin.

Dan Wolk spoke first, introducing himself and giving a brief synopsis of his qualification to be elected as our Assembly member in District 4. Dan Wolk is the current Mayor for the City of Davis and a Deputy County Counsel for the County of Solano.

This is Dan Wolk's second time running for State Assembly. Bill Dodd won the last election. Bill is running for State Senate and Dan Wolk has his endorsement. Dan Wolk also has the support of Congressman Mike Thompson and State Senator Mike McGuire.

Dan Wolk got to know Lake County when he ran for election two years ago. He recognizes our challenges. During last summer's fires he helped out at the Clearlake Senior Center.

Dan Wolk believes that Lake County needs strong representation in the legislature. He will follow the path set out by Bill Dodd and Mike McGuire.

Dan Wolk will partner with Mike McGuire and keep an office open here in Lake County. He will also partner with Congressmen Thompson and Garamendi.

You can visit Dan Wolk on Facebook, he has set a goal of one thousand likes, or visit his website DanWolk.org.

Dan Wolk is having his kick off Rally & Walk on March 19, 2016. Come out and join him.

Dan Wolk stayed and answered questions about the legalization of marijuana, and tax revenue it may bring into the county. We don't want to be the growers with no revenue coming back into the county. He also addressed concerns about senior citizens and prescription drug costs, universal preschool, and pay inequality.

The second speaker of the night was Sheriff Brian Martin. He was asked to speak about security, but first made a few comments about the great response from the valley; he had a great team. It was the largest mutual aid since San Diego in 1996, over three thousand firefighters responded.

On the issue of personal safety Sheriff Martin gave pointers such as having a full tank of gas if you are out in an unfamiliar area, park close to the door or lights, and travel in pairs if possible.

What to do to protect yourself if there is an act of violence. Going into a place where people are gathered, look around, know where the escapes are located. Do you hide or do you try to "take him down?"

The sheriff advises to run as the first option. If you can't escape, then hide, barricade yourself if possible and turn off your cell phone. If there is no other option; fight. There is no such thing as a clean fight if you are fighting for your life. So, don't worry about it!

Other pointers for when you are out and about included:

- Keep personal space
- Just say NO!

The sheriff recommended reading "The Gift of Fear" by Garvin De Becker.

Officers' Reports –

- **Chair – Bill Manners** – no report.
- **Vice Chair – Richard East** – working on speakers from the pool of supervisor candidates announced that Richard Hoyt had a stroke and is in CPMC in San Francisco, and at Stonewall's last meeting they voted \$200.00 to Planned Parenthood and the balance to the DCC.
- **Secretary – Judy Conard** – no report.
- **Treasurer** – balance on hand is \$3,255.39. There were four new members in January.
- **Vice Treasurer** – no report.

Standing Committee Reports –

- **Membership: Chair C. Leskar, M. Markowitz, J. Brosnan, B. Sabatier, J. Conard.**
Carlene Leskar reported fourth quarter renewal letters: three back. First quarter renewal letters went out today. There are 82 members as of today.
- **Candidates and Issues: Chair Mitch Markowitz, L. Rigod, B. Manners, R. East, G. Parrillo.** No report.
- **Ways and Means: Debra Boivan** gave the report. This committee needs commitments from volunteers before they can plan a fundraiser. After a discussion it was agreed that members should bring ideas for fundraisers to the next meeting.

Media Reports - Chair C. Leskar – no report.

Central Committee Report - Debra Boivan reported.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports -

- **Historian: Chair L. Rigod –** reported on past meeting in 2009 regarding the myths around single payor health care.
- **Newsletter: Chair V. Cerenio -** new crossword puzzle posted on website.

New Business –

- Becky Curry made a motion that people seeking signatures to be on the ballot for Central Committee seats would be allowed access to the clubs roster of members in their districts. Shirley Howland seconded. Motion passed.
- Congressman Garamendi is having a town hall meeting on the Senior Center in Clearlake Oaks on March 10, 2016 at 2:00 to 3:30.

Announcements -

- Next meeting March 8, 2016.

Moved to adjourn at 8:37 pm.

**Next meeting will be held on March 8th
at 6:30 pm
Social Hall of the Methodist Church
16255 Second Street, Lower Lake**