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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Richard East, in the Social Hall of the United Methodist Church, Lower Lake, CA. All present pledged allegiance to the flag. 17 members and 2 guests were present.

Officers present:

1. Vice-Chair Richard East
2. Treasurer John Sheehy
3. Vice-Treasurer James Evans

The April minutes were approved as presented.

The May agenda was approved with three additions: Carlene Leskar is sitting in for Secretary Judy Conard. Becky Curry asked to present a *resolution* during the Issues Committee report requesting “payment in lieu of property taxes.” Moira Harris wanted to add an announcement (See under “Announcements”)

Officers’ Reports –

- **Vice-Chair – Richard East** – Attended the Candidates’ Event April 23rd at the Middletown Mansion. Speakers included Fiona Ma and Dan Wolk. Also Shawn Bagley, a Hillary super delegate, and Dotty Lemieux from Bernie’s campaign.
- **Acting Secretary – Carlene Leskar.** No report.
- **Treasurer – John Sheehy** – balance on hand is \$2,270.22. There were 3 renewals and 1 new member. Bank is now charging us a fee when we don’t keep a \$3,000 minimum balance.

Standing Committee Reports –

- **Membership: Chair Carlene Leskar, D. Boivin, L. Rigod.** Lost 3 members who didn’t renew because they moved away. Current membership total is 80.
- **Candidates and Issues: Chair Mitch Markowitz, L. Rigod, B. Manners, R. East, G. Parrillo, D. Boivin.** Chair is absent; however, copies of CDP resolutions and lists of initiatives currently qualified for the Nov. ballot are printed up for anyone to take home. Frequently-updated ballot initiatives can be found on the Sec. of State’s website: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures.

Becky Curry reported that the LCDCC would like the Club to endorse a resolution that will be taken to E-Board in June and presented to the Resolution Committee of the State Party. The resolution requests that the State Legislature repay Lake County for taxes withheld from us due to the fact that we are unable to collect on private lands set aside for the establishment of wildlife management areas. The State promised to make “payments in lieu of taxes”, but those payments were suspended 10 years ago resulting in \$200,000 owed to Lake County. Becky moved that Club endorse, D. Boivin seconded, motion carried.

- **Fundraising/Ways and Means: Chair Debra Boivin** reported that the focus will be on the BBQ from now until October.
- **Voter Services: Debra Boivin, B. Curry, S. Howland.** Becky has been acting as chair but reported that she has turned over organization of the voter registration booths to Debra Boivin. There is a need for volunteers at the Lower Lake Daze voter reg. booth on May 29th. Becky will send around an email.

Ongoing Business –

New Business –

- James Evans asked that the Pledge of Allegiance at the meetings be discussed under New Business next month.

Speaker I – Dave McQueen, Superintendent of KUSD

Wally Holbrook introduced our 1st speaker, Mr. Dave McQueen, Superintendent of Kelseyville Unified School District, who will discuss the proposed school bond for the June Primary. Because the State is pushing more and more decisions and funding to the local level, if you don't live in Kelseyville, a bond will probably be in your district soon.

Mr. McQueen brought fact sheets and planning guides showing the much needed work in the Kelseyville school district and how the school board arrived at the \$24 million bond figure. It will cover a whole range of projects throughout the district, including building improvements, portable replacements or renovations, gym and field improvements, work shop rebuilds and more. There is a built-in monitoring process for strict accountability. The cost of the measure to property owners is estimated to be \$60 per \$100,000 of *assessed* valuation per year.

According to Wally Holbrook, “Kelseyville has a history of being good stewards of your money.” If you have any further questions you may contact KVUSD at www.kvusd.org or call 279-1511. (Fact sheets attached)

Speaker II – Alex Shantz, Field Organizer for Don Saylor

R. East introduced Alex Shantz who spoke for the candidate for 4th District Assembly, Don Saylor. Unfortunately, Mr. Saylor was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. However, he has visited Lake County several times, and Alex was able to present a comprehensive rundown of Mr. Saylor's experience and priorities. He answered many of the club's questions and promised to take some of our concerns back to Mr. Saylor – specifically, what happened to the \$1,000,000 for our lake, in last year's budget, which Gov. Brown line-item vetoed. To reach Don Saylor's campaign: www.donsaylor.org

Announcements –

- Poll workers are needed at the polls. It is a paid position. If you are interested call the Registrar of Voters office at **263-2372**
- Monica Rosenthal, BOS District 1 candidate, needs volunteers. Contact her campaign at monicaforsupervisor@sonic.net
- The club will not have a speaker next month. We will get together for a potluck to celebrate the results of the Primary.

Moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting:

Tues., June 14th @6:30 pm, Potluck at 7:00

Social Hall of the United Methodist Church, 16255 2nd St, Lower Lake