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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Richard East. All present pledged allegiance to the flag. 12 members and 5 guests were present.

Officers present: Vice-Chair Richard East, Treasurer John Sheehy, Vice-Treasurer James Evans, Carlene Leskar taking minutes for Secretary Judy Conard.

June minutes: J. Evans moved to approve, A. Esutoki seconded, minutes approved.

July agenda: B. Curry requested that United Democratic Campaign Headquarters (UDC) be added as a New Business item. J. Evans moved to approve as amended, A. Rubin seconded, agenda approved as amended.

OFFICER REPORTS –

Chair Bill Manners – notified club via email that he had to resign due to personal commitments.

Vice-Chair Richard East – handed out an article from the Record Bee regarding the GOP's anti-emergency funds stance on Zika virus.

Treasurer John Sheehy – balance on hand \$2,436.48; 1 member renewed; 1 new member. He is looking for a new bank for the club's finances - one which has lower fees or lower minimum balance requirements.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **Membership: Chair Carlene Leskar, D. Boivin, L. Rigod.** Current membership total is 83. Renewal letters for those whose membership expires in the 3rd quarter will be mailed out by next month.
- **Candidates and Issues: Chair Mitch Markowitz, L. Rigod, B. Manners, R. East, G. Parrillo, D. Boivin.** Chair is absent. Rich said the club has invited Cecilia Aguiar-Curry to return in the future. He also asked Debra Boivin to tell us about the speaker she has arranged for next month, Ms. Pat Sabo, a director of retired teachers' union employees. Her topic to be announced.
- **Fundraising: Chair Debra Boivin** reported that we are currently concentrating on assisting the Central Committee with the fall BBQ. Please solicit any businesses you know who can donate to our silent auction. "In Kind Donation" forms were passed out for donations.
- **Voter Services: Debra Boivin** passed around sign-up sheets for the Lake County Fair voter registration booth Sept. 1-4. There are still slots open; call if you can volunteer.

ONGOING BUSINESS –

- Becky Curry passed around sign-up sheet for miscellaneous volunteers for the BBQ. All major volunteer services are in place.
- Becky announced that a venue for the United Democratic Campaign Headquarters has been found; same spot as in 2014 (390 N. Main Street, Lakeport). The UDC will be open from mid-July till mid-Nov. DPLC meetings will be held there in Aug, Sept, Oct & Nov. Becky would like it set up in time to have a convention watch party on July 28th when Hillary Clinton gives her acceptance speech.
- John Sheehy moved, Adckinjo seconded, that we also hold LCDC meetings at the UDC HQ during these months. Motion was tabled indefinitely after further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Debra Boivin would like the club to purchase video equipment. Becky moved that we put it in the budget for next year and that Debra research costs; Carlene seconded; motion approved.
- No discussion about electing a new Chair at this time. After the national elections the club will need to appoint a nominating committee for new officers for 2017. Also discussed the need to appoint a committee to review bylaws.

Announcements –

- Rich East announced that since Monica Rosenthal made it through the primary and has moved on to the November election, the club needs to give her the remaining \$250 that was approved by the club in April. John Sheehy will take care of it.

SPEAKERS –

The Chair apologized to the speakers for running over until 7:15 pm. He asked Becky Curry to introduce Mr. Larry Allen who is a retired Lake County teacher and former member of the California Teachers' Association (CTA) Board of Directors. Mr. Allen in turn introduced his co-speaker, Mr. Jerry Eaton, who took Mr. Allen's place on the Board. It is noted that we also had as a guest tonight Mr. Brock Falkenberg, Lake County Superintendent of Schools.

There are two classifications of charters: independent and dependent. Dependent charter schools can be formed by parents and/or educators and are sponsored by the public school system. CTA, recognizing that often parents need alternative schools for their children, decided to change their policies; they have a department that advises and helps dependent charter schools. There are two dependent charters here: Intermountain STEM Academy Charter in Cobb and Lake County International Charter in Middletown. Independent charters are privately owned and generally are not subject to oversight by CTA. The California Connections Academy at North Bay is a non-classroom based independent study operating in Lake County.

On the November ballot Propositions 55 and 58 are education initiatives that the CDP recommends supporting.

After a lively Q & A the club thanked the speakers and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

Next meeting: Tues., August 9th @6:30 pm at the Methodist Church in Lower Lake.