Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Acting Chair, Richard East. 20 members (incl. 2 new) and 3 non-members were present. Officers present: Acting Chair Richard East, Vice-Chair Louis Rigod, Secretary Carlene Leskar, Treasurer John Sheehy.

March minutes were approved without changes.

April agenda was approved with the addition of one New Business item by Susan Cameron – “Logo on our collateral”

SPEAKER **– Justine Schneider** of People Power on “Immigration and Working with Law Enforcement”

On March 11th Justine participated in ACLU’s Resistance Training town hall in Miami, Florida, to launch People Power, an organization which offers support and training to grassroots individuals or groups who want to work in their communities to resist Pres. Trump’s attempts to curtail civil rights. According to Justine, we as a county can do things to be a safe and welcoming county without declaring ourselves a sanctuary city. To that end Justine and her People Power group have met with Clearlake and Lakeport police, Sheriff Martin and our local CHP to seek their support for ACLU’s “9 model state and local law enforcement policies and rules.” In addition they have met with Superintendent of Schools to help in disseminating information to immigrants about their rights.

[Peoplepower.org](http://www.peoplepower.org) is where you can go to join. They plan to have booths at Earth Day in Clearlake and Cinco de Mayo in Lakeport. You can help by asking Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry to support SB 54 when it comes to the Assembly in June. Also People Power will be meeting at Woodland College, in room 211 @10am on Sat., May 6th. Anyone is welcome.

**OFFICER REPORTS –**

1. **Chair – Richard East –** Attended the Senior Summit at Robinson Rancheria on April 1 where Supervisor Steele and Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry spoke. He also gave the Central Committee report.
2. **Vice-Chair – Louis Rigod** – Reported that our speaker for next month is Jocelyn Suzanne Hoey who will speak on Climate Realities.
3. **Secretary – Carlene Leskar** – Attended Solidarity Sundays on April 2nd and Indivisible – South Lake County meeting on March 29th. Two marches are coming up in D.C. and in several satellite cities: April 22nd March for Science ([www.marchforscience.com](http://www.marchforscience.com)) and April 29th Peoples Climate March ([www.peoplesclimate.org](http://www.peoplesclimate.org)).
4. **Treasurer – John Sheehy –** Balance on hand is $4,183.20.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

* **Membership & Outreach** ChairCarlene Leskar **–** Currently 80 members plus 2 new who joined tonight.
* **Candidates & Issues** Member Becky Curry updated the club on the draft of the EIR for the WalMart Expansion. The project is open for public comment until May 1st. Debra Boivin moved that the club recommend opposing the expansion. However, since it had not been listed on our agenda, she withdrew her motion and asked that the issue be placed on the May agenda.

Membership of this committee should be updated. Members on record are: Mitch Markowitz, Louis Rigod, Gillian Parrillo, and Debra Boivin. New member Paul Westergren asked to join.

* **Fundraising** Chair Debra Boivinthanked everyone who helped make the 100 Days Dinner a success. Even though the final numbers are not in yet, she said we reached our goal of 100 attendees and apparently did not lose money.
* **Voter Services** ChairDebra Boivin, Shirley Howland. Sign-up sheet passed around for upcoming tabling events: Earth Day Clearlake, Lower Lake Daze, Independence Day Clearlake, Concerts on the Green Hidden Valley Lake, County Fair Lakeport.

**ONGOING BUSINESS –**

* Fire donation to Methodist Church. Becky moved to table indefinitely. **(M/S/A)**
* Unfilled offices. Wanda Harris nominated Susan Cameron to the Chair position. **(M/S/A)**
* Other offices and committee assignments to be filled in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

* Logo was not addressed due to time constraints.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT/RANT or RAVE**

Susan announced an Open House for Health Care for All – CA, April 18th, 6 – 9 pm in Middletown Library. Additional meetings will be scheduled in the future. More info at: <http://HealthCareForAll.org> <http://HealthyCaliforniaAct.org> <http://pnhp.org>

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30

**NEXT MEETING: May 10th @ 6:30 pm in the Social Hall, 16255 Second Street, Lower Lake**