Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2017.

Meeting was preceded by a potluck at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was then called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Susan Cameron, who welcomed all the new members and guests. 25 members plus 4 new members and 10 guests were present. Officers present: Chair Susan Cameron, Vice-Chair Louis Rigod, Acting Secretary Carlene Leskar, Treasurer John Sheehy and Assistant Treasurer James Evans.

May minutes were approved as submitted.

June agenda was approved without additions.

**SPEAKERS –** Vice-Chair Louis Rigod introduced the first speaker, **Joey Luiz , Liaison for Fiona Ma**, **BOE District 2.** As liaison, Mr. Luiz handles all LGBTQ as well as tribal outreach for Fiona Ma’s office. He spoke on the many issues facing the LGBTQ community from the current administration. He read a letter from Congressman Thompson thanking Lake County Democrats for our support and promising to keep fighting for our issues.

Joey introduced the second speaker, **Clearlake Vice-Mayor Bruno Sabatier.** Mr. Sabatier expressed his view that now more than ever we need to celebrate our differences. There will be a Clearlake Pride Proclamation at City Hall on June 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Unfortunately, all our county Pride groups have disbanded; however, he promised an LGBTQ June Pride event next year. In addition, Mr. Sabatier gave a long list of accomplishments that Clearlake has made this year. The Council is planning to give a *State of the City* message on August 30th to report on the many projects in progress.

Member Becky Curry introduced the last speaker, **Harold Riley, Talk Show Host on KPFZ Radio 88.1** (every Wed. from 1p.m. - 2 p.m.) Harold was dressed very brightly in rainbow colors and brought a cake decorated in rainbow colors to the potluck. The celebration was in honor of the 48th anniversary of the uprising in Stonewall Inn in New York City in June 1969 which ushered in nearly 50 years of activism in the gay community. Very good reading is *When We Rise, My Life in the Movement* by Cleve Jones. Also, Harold let us know that if you want to display the Pride flag, be sure to display it with the red stripe on top.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARE GOOD NEWS/ PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Becky Curry announced that HR 10 gutting the Dodd-Frank banking reforms unfortunately passed in the House. We should write our Congressmen to thank them for *opposing* the bill and also write Senators Feinstein and Harris to fight it. Becky also noted that phone calls in DC for various issues are falling off. Phone calls are very effective so we should continue making them on all issues we feel strongly about.

Ceva Giumelli told the club that petition gatherers are being circulated for better benefits for IHSS employees. Please watch for them and sign.

Our annual Legislators’ BBQ will be on Oct. 8th. A volunteer list was passed around. Please contact Becky Curry if you can help.

Susan Cameron announced she would be on KPFZ on June 16th to talk about AB 562 The Healthy California Act, guaranteeing health care to all California residents. Call or write to Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry as she has not supported it yet.

**OFFICER REPORTS –**

**Chair Susan Cameron** will report on the Rejuvenate Workshop under New Business.

**Vice-Chair Louis Rigod** would like to invite Ms. Joan Jacobs, author and creator of *Adventures in Keytonia* to speak about her program to teach kids about healthy choices.

**Acting Secretary Carlene Leskar** and former chair Rich East attended Supervisor Jim Steele’s Eastern Area Regional Town Hall on June 7th focusing on issues facing Spring Valley. Attended Solidarity Sunday meeting on June 12 featuring speaker Michael Green on the new marijuana rules and regs being written into law.

**Treasurer John Sheehy –** 13 members either renewed or joined in May. Balance on hand is $4,436.32 including a $100 donation from Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**Membership & Outreach – Chair C.Leskar:** 83 paid-up members; no further report.

**Candidates & Issues –** Chair not present; no report.

**Fundraising – Debra Boivin** reported the 100 Days Dinner was so successful that the Club should put one on again next year. She suggested we put donation jars on the voter registration tables as a way to raise funds.

**Voter Services – D.Boivin** needs volunteers for some of the Voter Registration tables this summer. Call her if you can help @ 628-8590.

**ONGOING BUSINESS –**

S. Cameron presented the 2017 budget. B. Curry moved that we approve it; L. Rigod seconded; motion carried. Adopted budget attached.

Proposed that we raise the annual dues to $20; Mary Borjon so moved; motion was seconded and amended to become effective August 1, 2017; motion carried.

Robin Applegarth was announced as the Club’s new Webmaster. A big *thank you* to Robin.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

S. Cameron went over the Action Plan adopted at the Workshop held on May 23rd: recruit permanent Secretary and Committee Chairs, have a fundraising kick-start, increase our visibility, prepare a Calif. State Dems PLATFORM document for display, prepare a history of our successes, and recruit someone to start a Young Dems group.

The deadline for filing to participate in CalDem’s pre-endorsing effort is July 15th. For every 20 currently paid-up members that we have as of July 1st, the club will be allowed to appoint 1 pre-endorsement delegate. Our goal is to have at least 80 current members so that we will earn 4 delegates.

B. Curry moved that the club sponsor the Adventures in Keytonia movement with a $100 donation; Adckinjo Esutoki seconded; motion carried.

Anna Ravenwoode called for the club to put a resolution before our Board of Supervisors to support maintaining Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. No action taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by Chair S. Cameron. Minutes submitted by Secretary C. Leskar.

**NEXT MEETING: July 5th (1 week earlier than usual) @ 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, 16255 Second Street, Lower Lake**