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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2018

The meeting at the Social Hall in Lower Lake was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Susan Cameron, who welcomed all members and 6 guests plus guest speaker Supervisor Tina Scott. She reported that the Assistant Treasurer position is open, if anyone is interested in filling it. This will be brought up again at a future meeting.

15 members present, including Officers, Chair Susan Cameron and Secretary Pauline Pavon.

MOTION: Approval of December minutes as written. Carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – SHARE GOOD NEWS – PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ceva happy to have found a realtor & mortgage that will work for her. Yay!
- Davis Dems Club hosting a *teach-in* with Garamendi for HR 669, a bill he sponsored restricting first use of nuclear weapons. Saturday 1/13 from 2 -4:30 PM, in Davis.
- Women’s Solidarity Sunday on 1/14 from 2-4 p.m. at Kelseyville Pizza.
- Garamendi’s Crab Feed Fundraiser is coming up on 1/26 5:30 PM.
- Women’s Marches upcoming on Saturday, 1/20/18. Cindy (guest) mentioned that T-shirts are available online.
- L C Board of Supervisors are hosting Community Input meetings for each district. More on that when Tina speaks.
- Becky Curry mentioned a specific population of women and children that will now lose their health care as CHIP program part of continuing resolution to fund government. 1/19/18 vote: Contact your Representative!

PROGRAM: In the absence of Vice Chair, Chair then introduced our Guest Speaker Supervisor Tina Scott from District 4, who has been in office one year without having previously been in politics. She said at first that she was going to have meetings in order to get to know her constituents, but found that it’s better to go to them. She attends about a dozen community meetings monthly. She stated that she’s not pro-marijuana; she’s just a realist. She wants to get the taxing going on in Lake County for marijuana sales and well as enforcing auction sales of property due to unpaid property taxes. Schools and tourism were discussed. She supports branding Lake County “arts” and “dark skies” destinations. The Dark Skies Initiative limits and proscribes outdoor lighting (such as downward-facing) to enhance star gazing experiences. 1800 homes have been lost in our county in the last 3 years; 250 have been rebuilt. The concept of Tiny Homes (of 425 sq.ft. minimum) have been approved, but details of ordinance being developed. Homelessness was discussed at length: Continuum of Care has been taken up by

Adventist Health; Project Restoration is a program to assist persons who are especially vulnerable, the homeless with serious medical conditions. A 7-8 bed facility is now open in Lower Lake. Woefully inadequate given last year's count of 401 homeless individuals in our County. She was open and responsive to questions from all in attendance.

Meeting recessed at approximately 7:31 p.m. Reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS –

Chair Susan Cameron mentioned the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Main Street Bar and Grill in Clearlake. This will be the LCDC kick-off meeting of the year, with "Vision" being the theme.

Reminder: If dues are due, please renew. This saves Carlene time & supplies.

Pre-endorsement voting is happening this month. She asked delegates to keep your eyes out for info from Jeff Koertzen. We don't want to miss our opportunity!

The CDC (California Democratic Council) is being resurrected and we also can have up to 9 delegates. (It was the predecessor of the California Democratic Party.) Delegates must be present at Convnetion, so Chair is appointing those who already plan to attend: Stephanie Pawha, Sissa Harris, Tom Jordan, Virginia Cerenio and herself.

Vice Chair Louis Rigod is absent so Chair reported that since a speaker has not been secured for February, we will have a workshop type meeting to establish work-plan for 2018. A member suggested potluck beforehand, since it's Valentine's Day. Agreed.

Treasurer John Sheehy is absent so Chair reported that LCDC needs to adopt a budget next month. We received our share of BBQ fundraising proceeds from Central Committee, bringing our cash balance to \$7,490.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – Membership Committee: Essie Coons is absent. No report. Issues Committee: Anna Ravenwood is absent. Fundraising Committee and Voter Services Committee: Debra Boivin has resigned so chair positions for both of these committees are now open. All are welcome to volunteer.

ONGOING BUSINESS –

Mary Borjon reported on grant funding opportunity we thought available thru NextGen. Susan Cameron reported that the "We Strive" document will be presented to the Central Committee on February 1st. Will report back on those results next month.

Susan Cameron reported that the logo design project will be revived, with Trish, Robin, John and herself on ad hoc committee.

NEW BUSINESS –

James Evans suggested we re-look at meeting format. Reading from summary notes resulting from a March 2016 meeting on this subject, he suggested we reconsider some of the suggestions to increase membership by making meetings more fun, such as a film and guest speaker. It seems a lot of people don't like to attend the business portion of meetings. Consensus was to focus on this matter at the workshop meeting next month.

Becky Curry announced that Activist Training put on by the Sonoma County Democrats will be taking place at Twin Pines Casino on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Anyone interested in participating should plan on 4-5 hours; she'll be sending out email invitations for sign up in the next few days. Please respond quickly if interested, as seats are limited to 24.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday February 14, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Social Hall, 16255 Second Street in Lower Lake.