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### **Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2018**

The meeting at the Social Hall in Lower Lake was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Susan Cameron, who welcomed all and made introductions for new faces in the crowd.

35 total in attendance, 30 members and 5 guests, including Officers: Chair Susan Cameron, Treasurer John Sheehy and Secretary Pauline Pavon.

Minutes from 2/14 meeting not yet available, so action tabled.

**MOTION:** Approval of agenda as written. Carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS – SHARE GOOD NEWS – PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Congrats to Pennsylvania Dems! Grassroots activists help elect Conor Lamb. Students propelled into limelight, yay! (Someone? – Susan Krones?) shared how her students announced their walk-out and explained why. Some students had the support of their parents.

Susan distributed a flyer received at Convention about a Democratic cruise being organized for spring 2019.

Upcoming Ravioli Feed for Congressman Mike Thompson on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

#### **PROGRAM –**

Guest speakers are Lake County candidates Shanda Harry (Superior Court Judge) and Susan Krones (District Attorney). Chair asked that candidates keep their talk to 30 minutes since we have two speakers tonight.

Gillian Parillo introduced Guest Speaker Shanda Harry and would like everyone to remember in The Year of the Woman what a great candidate for Judge she is. Currently a Deputy County Council, she serves as one of the civil attorneys for the county. Ms. Harry spoke about her experience and many issues of the courts in Lake County; one concern is that we should have 6 judges instead of the 4 we have due to budget constraints. She said she hoped to bring a friendlier court environment, as many defendants provide their own defense and are often unaware of technical requirements of the proceedings. She was responsive to members' many questions.

At 7:05 p.m. Nancy Harby introduced Guest Speaker Susan Krones, candidate for District Attorney. She wanted everyone to know how well qualified she is compared to her opponent. She has been a Deputy D.A. for 25 years, a Judge Advocate General entering the military as an attorney and has resided in Lake County since 1992. She is especially passionate about Veteran's Court and its programs to assist veterans intensively, and would like to see a Mental Health Court established. What's happening

in the system is fixable and she would like to be part of that change. She was responsive to members' many questions.

Meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m. Reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

### **OFFICER REPORTS –**

Chair Susan Cameron reported:

- on her attendance at Convention; too much to share in this venue, which gave her the idea that we might want to coordinate a regular social gathering for our Club, like weekly coffee or monthly pizza. The most exciting thing that happened was at a hospitality party, where Adam Schiff was a surprise guest of honor.
- “We Strive” document has been adopted by the LCD Central Committee.
- Mike Thompson has invited us to table at his Ravioli Feed on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Great opportunity for exposure AND voter registration. Susan is in process of inviting youth to attend this event as well. One of our strategic goals is to attract youth, so this is one step. A panel discussion attended during convention covered reaching out to youth.
- Joined a conference call held by Chief Technology Officer of DNC. In addition to buttoning up their cyber security, they are making efforts at developing better utilization of technology to communicate with youth.
- In honor of Women’s History Month, Woodland College had an event which she attended. Moderated by Bruno Sabatier and featuring five local women: an attorney, a physician, a police officer, a County supervisor and a business woman. Susan used this opportunity to connect with youth and school employees.
- We have a Meet-and-Greet event coming up on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Clearlake Senior Center; circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to participate, every aspect from promotion, envelope stuffing, decorations, set-up, greeters and check-in/donations.
- She and Mary Borjon visited the storage shed to get a look at inventory of supplies.
- Reminder that March for Our Lives events happening March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice Chair absent.** Susan reported next month’s speakers will be Mario Fernandez, SEIU (labor union) political organizer.

**Treasurer John Sheehy** reported a very good month; 17 members renewed; account balance is \$7,897.

**Secretary Pauline Pavon** reported that she will be taking notes directly on her laptop at meetings, so that she will not lose handwritten notes and get the Minutes to the Chair in a timely manner. She is an accountant by trade, NOT a secretary, and asked members to please bear with her.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**Membership & Outreach Committee Chair Essie Coons** reported on progress with organizing members in committees; she prepared a plan of activities; identified supplies

& printed materials needs; will be building a database of member and other contact info so that membership renewals can be automated; planning written job descriptions for various committee positions.

**Candidates & Issues Acting Chair Rich East** reported that a list of candidates who will appear on the June ballot will be available on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Voter Services Chair Mary Borjon** drafted a job description for her position; researching new venues for voter registration; Paul W reported that MarVal /Sentry said we could register voters in front of their store one day per month; held 5 registration events this past month; if we want to receive payment from the CDP Bounty Program, we must use specific forms and they must get to the Registrar of Voters within 3 days of signing. Have developed a tracking form which will help us evaluate each site's productivity. At partisan tabling events, will collaborate with Essie to combine Voter Registration and Membership Outreach; Cinco de Mayo takes place in Lakeport on Sunday, May 6, 2018; HVL Concert on the Green – 5 nights beginning May 18<sup>th</sup> -- need South County volunteers to lead this; Mary asks members to let her know of other venues we may wish to pursue; Power to the Youth – will be purchasing kid-friendly toys to give out; would like to increase senior voter registration by tabling at senior centers around the county; Lake County Fair - would anyone like to be in the Memorial Day parade in Lower Lake?

#### **ONGOING BUSINESS –**

**Implementing goals of the strategic plan.** Susan noted that we've heard from Essie & Mary on their activities. Our visibility is improving already.

**Logo design:** When a proposed logo was presented at the August meeting, consensus was that people wanted "California" to be on the logo. Susan sought out graphic design help from Carle High School to make that addition. Susan distributed two versions of a proposed logo design based on the California bear (used by CDP and on our state flag). Before a motion to adopt either of the existing logo designs was made, James Evans made a motion that we consider a logo with the donkey image. Shirley Howland seconded. Voted by a show of hands and the motion failed. A motion was then made and seconded to adopt one of the logos presented. Discussion ensued. Susan called for a vote of each version to get consensus on the preferred design. The version with CALIFORNIA placed in the lake image area was preferred.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

**Elect Officer:** Chair announced that John Sheehy has resigned as Treasurer. Susan thanked him for 4 years of service.

Susan nominated Steve Wylie to complete this term as Treasurer. Seconded. Becky asked that Steve provide a quick bio to the membership. He was duly elected.

**Proposed 2018 budget.** Susan presented the proposed budget, emphasizing that some new activities need to be funded to accomplish our strategic goals. The proposal projects \$5,700 in revenue and plans for \$6,872 in expenses. This is a deficit spending budget as we have sufficient cash in the bank to draw from. Higher spending planned for 3 expense categories: advertising/promo/visibility, outreach/recruitment, support candidates/issues. Three new categories of spending proposed: training, voter registration activities, and youth outreach. Steve Wylie made the motion to adopt this budget. Seconded. Discussion ensued. James pointed out that we left out Secty of State annual filing fee.

Motion amended to include additional \$50 to cover that. Budget passed as amended. Revenue projection \$5,700, expense plan \$6,922, net deficit \$1,222.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p. m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday April 11, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Social Hall, 16255 Second Street in Lower Lake. Later announced that pot luck dinner will begin at 5:30.