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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – April 11, 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 and made introductions for new faces in the crowd.

34 total in attendance, 28 members and 6 guests, including Officers: Chair Susan Cameron, Vice Chair Louis Rigod, Treasurer Steve Wylie and Secretary Pauline Pavon.

MOTION: Approval of agenda with technical modification. Carried.

MOTION: Approval of February minutes. Carried.

MOTION: Approval of March minutes. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SHARE GOOD NEWS – PUBLIC COMMENT -

Chair: Bye, bye, Paul Ryan! Rock the Congress is coming this Sunday, April 15 in Napa. Contact the Registrar of Voters if anyone would care to be a poll worker. Becky Curry announced a fundraiser for local candidate for District Attorney, Susan Krones. There is a fundraiser for Shanda Harry at the Soper Reese Theater in Lakeport on Friday April 13.

PROGRAM –

Vice Chair Louis Rigod introduced guest speaker Mario Fernandez, Political Organizer with Region 6 Service Employees International Union Local 2015. Discussion of class war ensues. Explained the effects of the “right to work” laws on unions, voter participation, collective bargaining. Chair suggested we Democrats stop using the term “right to work” and refer to these laws as “wage suppression laws” instead. Mr. Fernandez was open and responsive to questions from members and guests. Second speaker Raul Gardea continued the excellent discussion further. He mentioned the Board of Supervisors meeting taking place Tuesday, April 17 at 8:30AM at the county courthouse, and asked if members would like to show up in support of IHSS workers.

Meeting recessed at 7:32 p.m. Reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS –

Chair Susan Cameron reported that the Meet and Greet is coming up on May 5. The event is free of charge to attend this time. PDI database will be used to do an email blast. 40–50 people that are willing to donate \$20 apiece will completely cover the expenses for the event. Asking people to reach out to Spanish speaking community; looking for translators for this event.

Logo was adopted by the Central Committee; it was used in advertisement in the Middletown Mercury’s latest issue.

LCDC Post Office box has been moved from Lucerne to Clearlake. Website and forms updated.

Vice Chair Louis Rigod reported that our next speaker will be Bruno Sabatier, candidate for Board of Supervisors. He asks members what kind of guests we would like to have at our meetings, such as scientists, etc. Several members responded by requesting environmental speakers specifically reporting to us what the Democrats in California are doing on environmental issues.

Treasurer Steve Wylie says getting up to speed on Treasurer's duties. He'll soon be on the signatory card at the bank.

Secretary Pauline Pavon went to the Town Hall Meeting at the Live Oak Senior Center in Clearlake Oaks where John Garamendi was the speaker.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Membership & Outreach Committee Chair Essie Coons reported that 7 renewal request forms went out; 14 new members added; handed out 5 applications at the Ravioli Feed. Still getting organized! 122 total members.

Candidates & Issues Acting Chair Rich East contacted LC Registrar of Voters for info on candidates. They overwhelmingly agreed to the Central Committee's recommendations for local candidates. The committee will be getting together soon to talk about endorsements and how much money to give each of them. They are Susan Krones, Shanda Harry, Bruno Sabatier and Brock Falkenberg.

Voter Services Chair Mary Borjon got her targeted 5 new members, a goal she set for herself. Table at the Live Oak Senior Center for the town hall meeting with John Garamendi. Secured a team for Thompson's Ravioli Feed. Will table at Senior Center on April 19. Will be at Mendocino College on 4/23. May 5th Meet & Greet there will be a Spanish speaker helping on the voter registration table. Obtained attractive gifts for children to hand out at youth events. Big display board needs some repair. Clearlake Independence day is not on July 4. Still looking for a prize wheel spinner for future events. Attended the March Central Committee meeting in order to understand what both groups are doing.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT –

Becky Curry reported that there are open slots on the committee.

MOTION: To endorse the candidates already approved by the DCC. Carried.

MOTION: To contribute \$100 now to each candidate. Carried.

Member Paul Westergren mentioned Proposition 65 Legal Defense Fund needs funding! This is the program that warns California consumers of the possible carcinogens in the foods and products they're purchasing. Please contact your representative.

ONGOING BUSINESS – Tabled due to time constraint.

NEW BUSINESS – Youth Involvement: MOTION: contribute \$100 to Thompson's Ravioli feed to cover 4 of the 9 students who attended his event. Seconded & carried. **Further discussion tabled** due to time constraint.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p. m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, 16255 Second Street in Lower Lake.