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Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2018

Meeting at the Methodist Church Social Hall in Lower Lake was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair Susan Cameron who welcomed members, guests and Speaker Lisa Morrow. 17 persons total in attendance, including Officers: Chair Susan Cameron, Vice Chair Louis Rigod, Treasurer Steve Wylie, and Secretary Pauline Pavon.

MOTION: Approval of Agenda. Agenda approved as written.

MOTION: Approval of May Minutes. Approval of minutes as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SHARE GOOD NEWS – PUBLIC COMMENT –

Candidates & Issues Acting Chair Rich East announced that anyone interested in running for the open seats on the Central Committee in multiple districts, please contact Becky Curry on the Central Committee. **Vice Chair Louis Rigod** discussed someone from Silicon Valley has a possible ballot proposal for the state of California splitting into 3 separate states; he thinks it's a dangerous idea. Perhaps the issues committee could take on this topic? **Membership & Outreach Acting Chair** Carlene Leskar mentioned that a few long-time members mentioned upon renewal that their spouses passed away. She'd like to send condolences. **Chair Susan Cameron** reminded us that we should keep comments to two minutes, and that before someone speaks twice, she'll recognize one who hasn't spoken. Review of local election results: all candidates endorsed by the Central Committee & Club won their respective races. Special congrats to Susan Krones who won with 59% of the vote. Community visioning forums are back for a second round. She passed around info on the schedules in each of 3 locations in June. Senator Maguire has obtained \$50k additional grant funds to upgrade the Highlands Senior Center so it can serve as an emergency shelter facility.

PROGRAM –

Vice Chair Louis Rigod introduced our guest speaker Lisa Morrow, Executive Director of Lake Family Resource Center. Ms. Morrow gave an overview of their many programs offered to accomplish their mission of "Support(ing) Lake County to achieve safe, sustainable, and healthy families and communities". LFRC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) and VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) provide most of their funding. Housing is integral to human dignity! Their newest programs are Housing First and Transitional Housing; focuses on survivors of domestic violence transitioning from shelters to independent living; assists with utilities, etc. so clients can establish stable housing; this is a rental assistance program. Teen Parenting programs provide education on parenting skills; they collaborate with Planned Parenthood on teen pregnancy prevention. They reach out to persons in jail, one-on-one therapy for adults; prenatal services, etc. Sex/human trafficking is prevalent in Lake

county and LFRC serves those victims when revealed. Opened up for questions. She thanked participants for their excellent questions, and provided some insightful answers.

Meeting recessed at 7:27 p.m. Reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS -

Chair Susan Cameron:

- Participated in Soroptimist annual fundraising luncheon on May 12, where she met tonight's Guest Speaker Lisa Morrow
- Marched in the Lower Lake Daze Parade along with 7 other Club members, carrying our new banner
- Attended debate between Krones & Brown in Lakeport
- Worked on Shanda Harry's campaign walking door-to-door in HVL, tabling with other Club members, and organizing post-card writing activities (qty 400 mailed)
- Worked on Susan Krones' campaign, a GOTV effort; wrote an editorial in support of Krones for DA -- it was published
- Organized and hosted with 4 other HVL residents a Meet & Greet for candidates Harry and Krones. Occurred May 19th; unfortunately was a bust!
- Worked booth at the Concert on the Green in HVL, one voter re-registered, and the opportunity to speak in a partisan manner was refreshing
- Worked the polls on June 5th; responsible for the electronic voting machines (very boring!)
- Have called an Executive Committee meeting for Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Lower Lake Coffee place, 10 a.m. All members welcome.
- Raised concern that California is not necessarily a guaranteed "blue" state; the entire eastern half of CA is heavily Repub; stressed how many Democrats from California need to be elected in order to flip the House to Democratic control and what those potential Districts are.

Vice Chair Louis Rigod: Speaker lined up for next meeting is Lakeport Mayor Mireya Turner speaking to stop the repeal of SB1, a gas tax initiative. He'd like to send a letter to Gavin Newsom to ask if he'll send an emissary from his campaign to us here in Lake County.

Treasurer Steve Wylie: Thanked members for their contributions at meetings, as they help pay the rent for the Social Hall. Bank Balance: Beginning -\$7,754.03 Ending - \$7,285.16 Total deposits: \$129. Total Expenditures - \$598

Secretary Pauline Pavon: requested that members sign the sign-in sheet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Membership & Outreach Acting Chair Carlene Leskar reported 115 members at present; important to prevent attrition so please pay dues; many renew this month.

Candidates & Issues Acting Chair Rich East: he's having a hard time getting a hold of folks, so that they can get together to discuss what they'd like to focus on; nothing to report this month.

Voter Services Chair Mary Borjon absent; her written report was read by Susan Cameron: Since the last meeting one partisan VR with Dem materials and campaign materials for Susan Krones was held at HVL Concert, Lower Lake Days event complete with marchers, and Upper Lake Days led by Chloe Karl. (Did anyone complete a tracking sheet at those two events?)

Planned for June is June 15th at HVL, need volunteers. Will cancel our booth this week if no one commits. June 30 for Clearlake Lions Club Festival and Parade, will have a team

and booth 26 and a vintage car in the parade with signage. Four club members will ride in the car. Still need two volunteers for that day.

It has been suggested that we have a voter reg table at the 4th of July Lakeport Events, but neither Chole nor I are available that day. Would anyone like to take the lead?

County Fair booth will need many volunteers. Labor Day weekend. We will have a new display, a child friendly activity and perhaps some background music. There is also a parade opportunity if anyone wants to volunteer for that. Chloe Karl is the lead for this event and will do the final scheduling of volunteers and secure passes for them. If you want to volunteer, or are unsure of your assigned time, please call Chloe at 263-6656. She knows the days and hours needed and will make the schedule. I will be putting out email reminders to recruit more volunteers.

Chair added commentary that Voter Services entails GOTV activities and our time may be better spent on that. Many Voter Reg booths are held at public places where we must register all, and our focus needs to be on registering Democrats.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Annual Fundraising BBQ is happening on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Highlands Senior Center in Clearlake. This is our big annual fundraiser, and volunteers are needed for all positions. Also, LCDCC will host a booth at County Fair from Aug 31 – Sept 3. Volunteers will be needed.

ONGOING BUSINESS –

Visibility opportunities: Please show up at the parade in Clearlake on June 30th.

Advertising in Lake County News was not seen by Chair in the editions it was supposed to appear in; their response to inquiries was very unprofessional. Discussed options regarding the \$160 expense. Treasurer Steve Wylie suggested that we request a report from them about when the advertising was displayed, so that we may evaluate the effectiveness of our advertising. In contrast, Middletown Mercury has consistently printed our ad in their paper every week since April.

KPFZ underwriting is ongoing; they say they are announcing our ‘blurb’; we’ll probably want to renew for another quarter but will follow-up with KPFZ management first.

NEW BUSINESS –

Chair proposes buying T-shirts w/ our logo to serve as 1) fundraising, 2) membership enticement, 3) visibility in community 4) consistent staff appearance in booths. Chair reviewed details of quote received from local vendor (KonocTees) using American made products. Quantity 72 or 144; 6.1 ounce jersey is top quality; 5.5 ounce OK too. Website address on the back for \$0.50 more per shirt.

MOTION: Treasurer Steve Wylie makes motion to authorize purchase of 144 T shirts for NTE \$1,000. Secretary Pauline Pavon seconded. Discussion ensued. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be on July 11th at the Social Hall in Lower Lake 6:30 p.m.