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## **Lake County Democratic Club Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2018**

Meeting at the Methodist Church Social Hall in Lower Lake was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Susan Cameron who welcomed members and guest, Ariel Carmona, Lake County Record Bee's new editor. 16 persons total in attendance, including Chair Susan Cameron and guest speaker, Gene Paleno.

**MOTION:** Approval of Agenda. Add UDC report under DCC Report. Agenda approved with amendment.

**MOTION:** Approval of July Minutes. Approval of minutes as written.

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

Good news that the River Fire is approx. 80% contained. Susan volunteered at a Red Cross shelter to prepare meals for evacuees. It was organized by World Central Kitchen. Sad note – Sissa and Doug Harris' daughter lost her home in the fire. One bright spot in the tragedy was the firefighters coming back to help sift through the ash and finding an heirloom collection she'd inherited from her grandfather.

Rich East made a comment about the need to push for rerouting big truck traffic from the small communities on Hwy. 20 over to Hwy. 29. Mitch Markowitz shared that it is already in the works for some time in 2019 after Hwy. 29 is widened.

### **PROGRAM –**

Guest speaker was Gene Paleno, Lake County's own writer, historian and storyteller. Gene lifted the spirits of the group with stories about his own as well as Lake County's past. Particularly entertaining was learning about the years-long battle between Lakeport and Lower Lake in the 1800's for the coveted position of County Seat. This and many other events are revealed in Gene's book *LAKE COUNTY HISTORY A Mystical Adventure in Time*.

Upon being asked about his thoughts on the future of Lake County and our country, Mr. Paleno says we must reach our youth. He thinks one way to do that is to pull them in with issues that they can identify with; perhaps learning about their county's history can be one such issue.

### **OFFICER REPORTS -**

#### **Chair Susan Cameron:**

- Attended Middletown Area Town Hall (MATH). Issues presented were:  
PG&E will harden lines and selectively shut off power during high winds.  
Hardesters' rebuild plans are for a small-town-looking *corner store*.  
General Dollar is a done deal. Merchants still very upset & vocal about this.
- There will be no speakers in Sept. or Oct. We will have working meetings to prepare for the Fundraising BBQ, and support our candidates in mid-term elections.

**Treasurer Steve Wylie:** (given by Susan Cameron)

Income from dues, donation and T-shirt sales  $\approx$  \$500.

Expenditures for bank fee, liability insurance and storage rental  $\approx$  \$945.

Bank balance as of 7/31/2018 = \$7,201.65.

Upcoming expenses: KPFZ underwriting, T-shirt purchase, Outreach, Rent  $\approx$  \$1,199.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

### **Membership & Outreach Acting Chair Carlene Leskar:**

Unable to report updated membership figures due to evacuation status. Plans to mail out August renewal letters soon.

### **Voter Services Chair Mary Borjon:**

We tabled at the Concert on the Green in Hidden Valley Lake on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Power to the Youth was canceled; it may be rescheduled at a later date.

*Contact Mary if you can work at Concert on the Green on August 17<sup>th</sup>.*

The Fair Booth on Labor Day weekend still needs staffing on Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening. Free admission for anyone who volunteers to staff the table. Contact Chloe Karl if you're available.

## **CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT –**

- Legislators' BBQ is set for Sat, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The theme is SURFIN' THE [WAVE](#). We will need decorators for a 60's /Beach décor. Letters have gone out to previous donors asking for help with sponsorship. Everyone can help by inviting friends and relatives to donate. Contact Susan Cameron if you would like to participate.
- Lake County Fair is Aug. 31 – Sept. 3. Staffing for a voter registration table is still needed, as discussed earlier.
- Dave Rogers has secured a building for our United Democratic Campaign HQ @ 150 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Lakeport. It will be open to the public from Aug. 27 through the Election (days and times TBA.) Volunteers will be needed to clean and set up the office – contact Dave Rogers.

We will also need people to staff the office. Expect email calls for volunteers soon.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS –**

Implementing the strategic plan: Several positions still open. *Assistant Treasurer* and *Fundraising Chair* are needed. In addition both the *Membership* and *Issues Committees* are being served by acting chairs until permanent chairs can be found. Contact Susan if you are interested.

The tiered membership policy which was voted on last month will be put on hold until financial legalities are addressed.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

Ralph Cunningham suggested we have business cards made containing meeting information that we can pass out to interested people. He will look into costs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Social Hall in Lower Lake 6:30 p.m.