

**Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, March 19, 2015
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca & San Jose, Ca
Quarterly Meeting**

Call to Order

Time 6:24 pm

Introduction

Fresno: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Sgt of Arms Alysia Bonner; Members: Darlynn Qualls, Patricia S-Clay, Patricia Waggoner, Latisha James and Mai Thao, staff; Guests: Adonis Whigham, Rommie Cooper, and Nahdya Waggoner.

San Jose: Marilyn De Rouen (interim President), Emma Davis (Founding member), Elsa Venegas (member), Anna Griffin (member), Kristen Bailey (member), Julie Shum (member), and Edwin Patrick, Jr (member)

Open Forum

Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff: 4/15/15 April Action – bus to San Francisco – Fight to \$15

Minutes

Reading and Approval: Feb 2015

1. Motion tabled to April mtg
2. Second _____
3. Carried _____

Treasury Report

Balance: \$ 9,425

Old Business

Outstanding Accounts: Marjorie Mason, Susan Komen

Report(s)

Feb/March 2015

Black History Month Celebration

SEJ mtg

Convention – April 16-19, 2015

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Donation(s) Request(s)

- Youth Training Luncheon for MLK “Sacrifices from the Heart”
- CA Labor Federal, “Workforce & Economic Development (WED) Annual Conference: Building Workforce Partnerships” March 4th – 5th in Sacramento
- West Fresno Ministerial Alliance

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – _____
- Women's Caucus - _____
- Latino – _____
- Native American - _____
- LGBT - _____
- Retirement - _____

San Jose

- Latino - _____
- AFRAM - _____
- PWD - _____
- Retirement - _____

New Business

- Leadership Training – Unity Hall time is **TBA**
- Election for Local-wide AFRAM Chair - both areas are ok w/the status quo
- Bylaws to be established – TBA (?)
- RSVP – for meetings and events -
- Caucus Guidelines, Rules and Regulations – *Using International AFRAM*
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – *Ongoing discussion*
- 2015 Budget – Completed and turned in – approved at Budget Mtg Jan 21, 2015

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – Match 31, 2015
- Stewardship Training – Have started up Jan 24, 2015, green flyer
- Photos and Tri-folds – if you have any photos from past events please bring them to next meeting or to the union office!
- Next Convention for the National AFRAM – 2015 – Detroit, MI April 17-19, 2015
Travelling to Detroit on Thursday April 16; travelling from Detroit Sunday April 19, 2015
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – *LA or San Jose*
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: TBA
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: TBA

Table to Next Meeting

- 1] NAMI
- 2] Juneteenth
- 3] Convention

Adjournment Time 7:45 pm

Motion: Patricia S-Clay
2nd: Alysia
Carried: Unanimous

Next Meeting April 9, 2015 – April 23, 2015

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