

Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, ~~June 4, 2016~~ June 9, 2016
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca

Call to Order

Time 6:19 pm

Introduction

Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, pres; Patricia Strattman-Clay, sec; Maya Daugherty, staff; Sergio Garcia, member; Maria Gutierrez, member; Joy hall-Villareal, member; Riley Tilford, member + his 2 children.

Open Forum

Fresno:

Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff – n/a

Maya Daugherty – Internal Organizer – JJC is still trying to go thru their dissert. Diversity day in September hopefully.

Black Infant Health Program – print outs from the BIH website included

Fundraisers & Guest Speakers - Travel discounts (Patricia Strattman-Clay) – website is up and running.

Minutes

Reading and Approval: March 2016 & May 2016

March

May

1. Motion Joy

1. Motion Patricia

2. Second Riley

2. Second Joy

3. Carried All

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Treasury Report

Balance: Expense total food \$____, other \$____ balance as of 4/30/16 \$2,727.79
w/o additional \$1,000 added to the budget line as yet

Budget Balance: ~~\$5500~~ ~~6000~~ \$6,500

Old Business

99 Problems donation

Joy amended her Feb motion to have the check made out to Darlynn Qualls to purchase the school supplies for 99 Problems as a donation, Patricia 2nd & carried by all.

Report(s)

Delegate Convention – Sergio said it was a great convention. Met a lot of people from all over.

Juneteenth – Arvelia, 8th Annual Juneteenth, stated that 57 people RSVP'd but 77 attended. Our theme this year is continued from last year: Our Ancestors' Politics are Still Our Politics. Our music was provided by DJ Sound (Solomon & Bella Barela). The American Indian Veteran's Association presented the flag salute and Invocation. We had a Face Painter: Ayanna Merez who is part of Art Is Fun; Praise Dancers: Chrystal Hale & Leona Holley; Hostess of Juneteenth: Arvelia Via; our Keynote Speaker: Maureen Moore retired Teacher & Principal of FUSD. We raffled off: 3 \$10 Starbucks gift cards; 4 \$25 Regal Cinema gift card; \$15 Burger King gift card; \$15 Wendy's gift card; \$15 Cold Stone Creamery gift card; \$25 Red Lobster gift card; 2 \$25 Chili's, Macaroni Grill,

Maggiano's & On The Border gift cards; we also did a 50/50 raffle. Total tickets purchased for the raffle was \$120 and the winner of the \$60 was Roger Medina. We raffled off 8 puzzles to children by them answering questions about Juneteenth History. Food provided by Anthony Cox. Dessert: cake, were provided by AFRAM. AFRAM Fresno provided the drinks: Lemonade, Fruit Punch and water; Pretzels, Fruit & Vegetable trays as appetizers.

Donation(s) Request(s)

- NAACP Collective Action Fund – tabled until Aug 9, 2016

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – Dual Casino Bus Trip 10/?/16 – cash due TBA
- Women's Caucus – Revising their Bylaws; teleconference w/San Jose for a chapter to be developed their area. And hopefully one in Visalia
- Latino – registering citizens for voting & Hispanic Heritage in September
- Native American – Nov: Native American & Heritage event
- LGBT/Lavender – under new leadership; Gay Pride in June for Fresno Tower District
- Retirement – n/a
- PWD – still working on getting it started in Fresno and involving San Jose

San Jose

- Latino – registering for voting
- AFRAM – n/a
- APALA – Leadership Voting
- Retirement – n/a

New Business

- Leadership Training – Unity Hall time is **TBA**
- Juneteenth Celebration Planning - June 4, 2016 - Theme: Our Ancestor's Politics are Still Our Politics – a continuation of this year's theme
- RSVP – for meetings and events – **A Must as Enough Food is COMMON Courtesy**
- Caucus Guidelines, Rules and Regulations – *Using International AFRAM*. Copies given in October 15, 2015 meeting.
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – **Pismo Beach, San Francisco for family and a couple of Casino Bus trips for Adults.**
- 2017 Budget – Planning on Aug, Sept & Oct 2016.
- 2016 Delegate Election: **May 19-25, 2016 Detroit, MI**
- SEJ Caucus End-of-the-year Event: Saturday, December 10th?, 2016

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – **March 31, 2016 - \$20 one yr or \$40 two yrs but you may still pay during the year of 2016**
- Stewardship Training – **Sept 10 (Merced) Modules 1 & 2, October 8th (Fresno) Module 4, October 22nd (Fresno) Modules 3 & 5**
- *Photos and Tri-folds – if you have any photos from past events please bring them to next meeting or to the union office! – **soon for display***

- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting –**Oakland/ San Jose, Ca**
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: **TBA**
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: **TBA**
- Fundraising for 2016: Raffles, bus trips, tickets for future events, t-shirts and other items for Fresno & WRAAC
- Fundraising for 2017: *planning a Dinner, Comedy & Dance for Valentine's Day – 6-10 pm, discussed calling Piccadilly Inn on Shaw (2305 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, Ca 93711 (559) 348-5520) or at Smuggler's Inn (3737 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, Ca 93726 (559) 226-2200) proceeds to go to Black Infant Health Program of Public Health of Fresno Ca.*

Table to Next Meeting

- 1] Darlynn – Delegate Convention
- 2] NAACP Collective Action Fund
- 3]

Adjournment Time 7:02 pm

Motion: Joy

2nd: Riley

Carried: all

Next Meeting August 11, 2016

Call to R.S.V.P. (559) 447-2560