

**Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, January 12, 2017
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca**

Call to Order

Time 6:24 pm

Introduction

Arvelia Cooper-Whigham, pres; Darlynn Qualls, treasurer; Rogenia Cox, vp; Joy Hall-Villareal, member; Adonis Whigham, member/guest; Lee Smith, member/guest; Sergio Garcia, member; Maria Garcia, guest; Rachel Gutierrez, guest; Kenisha Edwards (on the phone from Bakersfield), member; Sienna Sherman, member/guest; Maya Daugherty, staff.

Open Forum

Fresno:

Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff

Maya Daugherty – Internal Organizer

Minutes

Reading and Approval: November 2016

1. Motion: Darlynn
2. Second: Rogenia
3. Carried: All

Treasury Report

Balance: Expense total \$ 7,000

Budget Balance: \$7,000

Old Business

Budgeted items:

Report(s)

SEJ mtg

- SEJ Budget update: each caucus to receive ~~\$5,500~~ 7,000 approved

Donation(s) Request(s)

- City of Fresno MLK Jr Unity Day Committee \$100; Motioned: Darlynn, 2nd: Rogenia & Carried: all
- National AFRAM Conference \$1,000. Tabled until 2/9/17. Questions: Where is our past funds: 2013-2016?
- Black History – African American Museum Trailblazer Celebration on 2/4/17 for \$100 per person tickets or \$1,000 for a table. Motioned: Darlynn to purchase to 2 tickets at \$100 each, Rogenia: 2nd & Carried: all. From budgeted item: Black History. Joy and one other member to go.

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – Bus Trip to Black Oak in Jackson, Ca 2/18/17
- Women’s Caucus – Queen for a Day - ?
- Latino – Voter Information booth at Manchester Mall on Sat 1/14/17
- Native American – none
- LGBT/Lavender - none
- Retirement – dates for next meeting

San Jose

- Latino –
- AFRAM –
- PWD –
- Retirement – n/a

New Business

- Leadership Training – Unity Hall time is **TBA**
- MLK Events this week/weekend: Friday the 13th Wreath at MLK Head Bust 12 noon at Fresno Courthouse. Breakfast – Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Clovis Veterans Museum, 808 4th St, Clovis, CA 93612 (559) 299-0471. Bring cans of food for Food Bank. 8 am to 12 noon. Monday, January 16, 2017 March from St John Cathedral to Fresno City Hall on P St 7:30 am – 1 pm. Bring cans of food for Food Bank.
- Black History Month – linking up African American Museum on 2/4/17 – Trailblazer Dinner donation of \$100 per ticket or \$1,000 for a table. Call (559) 544-1857 or order online www.aahcmsjv.org. Doubletree by Hilton Fresno Convention Center, 2233 Ventura St, Fresno, Ca 93721. Doors open at 6 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm. There’s a The Kinsey Collection of Where Art & History Intersect art exhibit on Monday, February 13, 2017 evening 6:30 pm at Paul Shaghoian Theater, Clovis North High School, 2770 E International Ave. Limited Seating, call (559) 265-3010 ask for Bonnie for tickets, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, 1111 Van Ness Ave, Fresno, Ca 93721.
- Juneteenth Celebration – linking up African American Museum – Juneteenth Celebration
- 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. WRAAC are awaiting approval of revised By-laws.
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – **Ongoing discussion.**
- 2018 Budget – Planning on Sept 14th & Oct 14th, 2017. - **Handout**
- SEJ Caucus End-of-the-year Event: Saturday, December ?, 2017

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – **March 31, 2017** – to be paid by the end of February 2017.
- Stewardship Training –?
- *Photos and Tri-folds – if you have any photos from past events please bring them to next meeting or to the union office! –*
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – *National African-American Convention, April 20-23, 2017 in New Orleans* – Members selected to go: Arvelia, Rogenia, Darlynn, Patricia, Joy, Sergio & Barigye. Alysia and Gwyn to see if SEIU will pay for their travel & hotel arrangements. Rooms: Via and Rogenia, Darlynn and Patricia, Joy and Kenisha and Sergio and Barigye. Registration, food reimbursement and luggage fees tabled until 2/9/17.
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: **TBA**
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: **TBA**
- Fundraising for 2018: *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.*
- **TBA**

Table to Next Meeting

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Adjournment Time 7:50 pm

Motion: Joy

2nd: Rogenia

Carried: all

Next Meeting *February 9, 2017*

Call to R.S.V.P. (559) 447-2560/447-2579