

Central Valley AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m., Meeting 6 p.m.
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca

Call to Order

Time 5:55pm Joint Quarterly meeting Central Valley Fresno and San Jose.

Introduction

Fresno: Rogenia, Vice Pres, welcomed everyone: Arvelia, President by phone, Alysia, Sergeant of Arms by phone, Brenda S (Internal Organizer).

San Jose: Ellen Rollins, acting Pres and Barbara Williams, acting Secretary.

Minutes

Reading and Approval: Aug, Oct – Tabled to next meeting 12/12/13

1. Motion
2. Second
3. Carried

Treasury Report

Balance: \$2,445.91 (Combined w/San Jose) as of Dec 31st from last SEJ meeting budget report.

Old Business

Banner Purchase: Art of Life/Mad Illustrators – finally got it before the end of the year 2013.

T-Shirts for Leadership: Arvelia, Rogenia, Barigye, and Alysia – following up on this.

New Business

- Martin Luther King Celebrations: Fresno: Garlanding Ceremony at MLK's Bust on Friday, Breakfast on Saturday at Clovis Veteran's Auditorium and march on Monday followed by program at Fresno Veteran's Memorial/Auditorium. San Jose is having a luncheon that was approved on at SEJ mtg on Monday Jan 13th.
- Feb 22, 2014 – Cat of FUSD of Education is having a essay contest – suggestion of piggy-backing of using the remainder of essays who didn't win in their contest for our Black History month – Our budget for prizes are as follows: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50 gift cards to be given out by Feb 28.
- Feb 22, 2014 Saturday – luncheon – catering: Alysia and Rogenia \$600 unanimous for food, 50/50 raffle, prize raffle and Black trivia
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) scheduled for March– Casino trip with PWD or San Jose which is their annual Tahoe trip which is an overnight in May.
- Membership Annual application due by March 31st – 2013 cards were never received
- Update contact list – San Jose and Fresno
- National Convention – Western VP of LA regional meeting is in Seattle, WA for MLK weekend – Sis Marilyn and/or Alysia
- Detail Report – check for Central Valley Fresno leadership team t-shirts – 10/31/13 check for t-shirts to Mad illustrators \$132 it could be for the banner must follow-up with Myrick.

- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: Catherin Balbas (Organizer Director) spoke to Barigye and I on ways to inform and recruit our membership as reach towards our 2-yr goals
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: table to next meeting 12/12/13

Open Forum

- 1) Alysia – helping Arvelia and Adonis as they are still down in LA for Adonis' admit at UCLA from 1/6/14 -1/10/14 – as Adonis is having complications from the surgery for his bladder on 1/6/14.
Arvelia is unsure how long they will be done there as the doctor wants complete bed rest with undetermined end date for extra healing.
Ellen motioned for donation of \$200 for help with extra expenses that Arvelia and Adonis will/have incurred for this admission/extension for the month of January. Rogenia 2nd this motion. A unanimous vote of yes for this donation to Arvelia and Adonis for the month of January 2014.
Ellen – San Jose will donate to Arvelia and Adonis for the month of February 2014 and PWD and they will also donate to Arvelia and Adonis in March 2014.
It was also suggested that the other caucuses to be asked for the other months as a rotating help for these expenses for Arvelia and Adonis.
- 2) Rogenia – thanked all of the AFRAM caucuses for helping with donations on her obtaining her PhD as she ending the road to thesis in 3 weeks.
- 3) AFRAM caucuses to go from quarterly meetings to monthly meetings – we can be more unified in our activities and out in the community more. Consensus was agreeable to this change.
- 4) Ouida retired from San Mateo last year. Time to replace Ouida's vacant position of representing all caucuses. Agreed upon to have our contact lists updated and to contact members for this election to take place in March 2014. San Jose and Fresno AFRAMs are to send their contact lists to Brenda Smith, Fresno's Internal Organizer for making of a full contact for AFRAM. Also Marcia Ramos of San Jose and Lianne Mazzela, Fresno secretaries for our offices to have the lists for joint meetings.
This position is outside of AFRAM delegate which Arvelia Cooper-Whigham is holding right now. Louisa Blue and Gwyn Harshaw had Arvelia to be the representative until the election is discussed on.

Table to Next Meeting

- 1] The rest of this agenda
- 2] Another informational on organizing and developing out AFRAM membership positively
- 3] Election for AFRAM representative

Adjournment

Motion: Arvelia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm

2nd: Alysia.

Carried: all agreed w/no abstentions/discussions

Next Meeting *February 13, 2014 and election is March 13, 2014*

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