

**Central Valley AFRAM Caucus**  
**Minutes**  
**Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2014**  
**Unity Hall, Fresno and Video or Spyder conference San Jose**

**Call to Order**

Time 6:10 pm

**Introduction**

Fresno: Arvelia Via (Pres), Rogenia (VP), Alysia (Sergeant of Arms), Alysia Foster-Miller (member).  
San Jose: Ellen (Acting Pres), Marilyn (member) and Emma (Founding member).

**Open Forum**

International AFRAM President Faith Albright's sister was involved in a fatal car accident. We agreed upon getting a card and maybe flowers sent to her.

**Minutes**

Reading and Approval: January

1. Motion Rogenia
2. Second Emma
3. Carried Unanimous all with Amendment to the Open Forum item 1 PWD will switch months with San Jose AFRAM (as San Jose AFRAM hasn't been asked yet) on the donation to Arvelia and Adonis for Feb and March: PWD for Feb and San Jose if they agree for March of 2014. Item # 4 Both AFRAMs will maintain their own meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays and to meet quarterly which will be April 8<sup>th</sup>. There is no need to have an election to replace Ouida's vacant position as both areas are running just fine.

**Treasury Report**

Balance: Haven't received it from Ming yet.

Outstanding Accounts: Not at the moment.

Budget: On budget for Feb 2014.

**Old Business**

Banner Purchase: Art of Life/Mad Illustrators – received & hung in Unity hall: It was missing from the Unity Hall since Monday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

T-Shirts for Leadership: Arvelia, Rogenia, Barigye, and Alysia – researching/re-submitting

**Report(s)**

*MLK Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2014*

- Garland Ceremony – Rogenia attended this event on the 17<sup>th</sup>. A lot of children, great speeches and the city/county officials attended.
- MLK Breakfast – Alysia was able to attend this event on the 18<sup>th</sup>. City of Clovis Veterans' Auditorium. Councilman Oliver Baines told a great speech.
- Candlelight Vigil – This was provided at Fresno City College.

- March & Program – Alysia attended this event on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. Where everyone marched from St John's Cathedral to the Fresno Veterans' Memorial. It was well attended.  
*Other Report(s)*
- Marilyn gave us a report on the Western Regional meeting in Seattle, WA. Margaret Western Chair) is working on getting our Western Region reimbursement from International. Jimmy Taylor is our Treasurer. We have \$1600 in our checking account for Western Region. Leonard is our membership contact person who will work on us getting our membership card timelier than last year – We didn't receive our cards at all. Discussing making a donation to Omega Boys Club of \$1,000.

#### **Donation(s)**

**None**

#### **Joint Caucus Events**

##### **Fresno**

- APALA – Bus Trip – March 8th - Black Oak Casino in Sonora/Tuolumne Ca \$35 cash only
- Women's Caucus - \_\_\_\_\_
- Latino – March 29<sup>th</sup> – Cesar Celebration

##### **San Jose**

- Latino - Cesar Celebration – April 5th

#### **New Business**

- Black History Month – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - Unity Hall (Fresno), 1-4 pm, TABIA to perform, video, food, games, trivia and prizes. San Jose to as a joint event.
- Bylaws to be established - tabled
- RSVP – for meetings and events - Need call everyone! Don't be surprised if there isn't enough food for you and your guests.
- Caucus Guidelines, Rules and Regulations - tabled
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) - tabled
- Meet & Greet for Election(s) – AFRAM to host a meet & greet for intimate meeting to bridge the gap about voting among Blacks.

#### **Organizing**

- Elections – Regional AFRAM President – April 10, 2014 – this has been canceled by mutual agreement among San Jose and Fresno – no need to do so.
- Memberships & Dues – Dues \$20 due to the International AFRAM office by March 31<sup>st</sup>. AFRAM Fresno to send all dues at one time.
- Stewardship Training – A good opportunity to get answers to most asked or non-asked but wanted to know about SEIU and the County of Fresno. Training that will hopefully safeguard you and your job.
- Photos and Tri-folds – Arvelia asked if anyone has any photos of past or currents and she will pay for copies so that poster boards can be made and showed off in the Unity Hall.
- Next Convention for the National AFRAM - 2015
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – LA or San Jose
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, and Tulare: video or Spyder conference with all of them. Will have Julie or Liane make a connection with them and send out reminder cards to them as well.

- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: booths at block party (ies); link up Black Chamber of Commerce for guest speaker to attend AFRAM meeting to have a dialogue about joint ventures/activities.

**Table to Next Meeting**

- 1] Bylaws, Guidelines, Caucus Regulations
- 2] Fundraiser w/San Jose
- 3] Meet & Greet elections/Voting

**Adjournment** Time 7:32 pm  
Motion: Alysia 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rogenia Carried: Unanimous

**Next Meeting** *March 13, 2014*      **Call to R.S.V.P. (559) 447-2560**