

SEIU LOCAL 521  
LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2017

**Call To Order:** the meeting was called to order by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren at 6:07 P.M.

**Welcome and Introductions:** welcome was extended to all present. Those in attendance: Jennifer Jensen, Lorenzo Lambaren, Lucia Sapiens, Dawn Gallegos, Henry Lopez, John Adams, Joy Hall-Villarreal, Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (honorary member), Maria Luisa Gutierrez (honorary member), Diana Vasquez, Heather Furman, Ja'Anthony Carter (guest), Veronica Moya (community member), and Mai Thao (staff).

**Treasurer's Report:**

All Caucus Financial Statement/Latino Fresno As Of September 30, 2017: Treasurer Dawn Gallegos reported the Latino Caucus --- Fresno has a balance of \$3,557.15 as of the above date. Budget – 2018: Chair Lambaren reported that the upcoming year's budget has been approved by Budget and Finance and then will need to approve at the December 2, 2017 Local Wide Executive Board Meeting before it is final. He also discussed the possible impact of Right To Work on the future Caucus budgets. He went on to explain that the Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Committee overall receives \$1.50 per member per year which is then divided up between all of the Caucuses. Should Right To Work go into effect it will mean fewer dues paying members which in turn means less money coming to SEJ.

**Secretary's Report:** Joy Hall-Villarreal made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting as presented with the following changes: under New Business Line 3 where it says "reimbursed by Dawn Gallegos" it is ambiguous and sounds as if Dawn Gallegos is going to be making the reimbursement personally. It was agreed it should be changed to read a motion was made by Dawn Gallegos ... The next change was under Fresno Aids Walk fifth line to insert at the end of the first sentence "by Caucus funds". There were also 3 spelling/grammatical errors: under Joven Nobles/Barrios Unidos Dia De Los Muertos Fundraiser third line after Fresno, CA to be3 it should be changed to be; Arte Americas Dis De Los Muertos fundraiser it says information was provided-bed should be changed to provided and under dia De Lost Muertos Alert the date the alter should stay up to should read November 2, 2017. Seconded by Lucia. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

**Activity Reports:**

Fresno Aids Walk (October 21, 2017): Chair Lambaren reported on the Aids Walk. He said that it was a good event. He felt it was funny when the sponsors were announced and as a sponsor SEIU 521 Latino Women's Group was named. Stated as he was the only Caucus participant no shirts were purchased.

Joven Nobles/Barrios Unidos Dis De Los Muerto's Fundraiser (October 27, 2017): Chair Lambaren reported that the tables had been sold out since July, 2017. The Latino Caucus – Fresno purchased 8 tickets and everyone was able to sit at the same table. He reported there was dinner, music, show, several recognitions, program and live auction.

**Old Business:**

Purchase Of Canopies: Chair Lambaren stated the canopies have not yet been purchased.

All Caucus End Of The Year Event (December 9, 2017): Chair Lambaren stated that a planning committee has been developed that consists of the following people: Lorenzo Lambaren, Jennifer Jensen, Heather Furman, Dawn Gallegos and Francis Coronado. Veronica Moya, Joy Hall-Villarreal and Henry Lopez also volunteered. Veronica volunteered to be chair. Meeting to be scheduled.

SEIU Local 521 Challenge: Feeding The Homeless: Chair Lambaren stated that the next event will be November 19, 2017 in conjunction with the Women's Caucus --- Fresno. There was discussion as to the menu. The consensus was to have a holiday dinner next month --- December 10, 2017 and serve another type of mean for November 19, 2017 event. A motion was made by Jennifer Jensen to spend up to \$300 to purchase chicken, potato wedges, macaroni/potato salad and rolls to feed up to 100 people. Seconded by Henry Lopez. No further discussion regarding menu. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. It was agreed to partner with the Women's Caucus and ask them to purchase cooks, plates, napkins, water and forks. It was also agreed that the meals would be assembled as the site. Everyone it to meet at the Union office at 1:00P.M.

Adopting 10 Children From Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter For The Holidays: Chair Lambaren explained that the Latino Caucus has been adopting 10 children for several years. The budgeted line item is for \$50. The Caucus tried to purchase an outfit and a toy for each child. He also explained that Holy Cross provides the names which they already sent. Lucia Sapiens made a motion to spend up to \$500 to purchase an outfit and toy for 10 children for Holy Cross. Seconded by Henry Lopez. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. It was agreed to meet at K-Mart on Thursday, November 16, 2017 ay 5:30P.M.

Building Alter For dia De Los Muertos: several members had provided there items for the alter the date of this meeting. Pictures taken.

Fresno County League of Mexican American Women Fiesta Navidena (December 2, 107 10:30A.M. – 1:00P.M.): Chair Lambaren explained that this is a fundraiser for the Betty Rodriguez Scholarship Fund. The Latino Caucus – Fresno has attended for approximately the last 5 years. **The cost of a tickets is \$40.00 per piece with a \$1.99 handling for each ticket. Henry Lopez made a motion to purchase 10 tickets at \$41.99 per piece for a total of \$419.99. Seconded by Dawn Gallegos. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.** Those that indicated they would like to attend: Joy Hall-Villarreal, Lorenzo Lambaren, Lucia Sapiens, Henry Lopez, Dawn Gallegos, Diane Vasquez, Sergio Garcia, Frances Coronado and 2 others to be named at a later date.

**New Business:** none

**Mi Familia Vota:**

National Day of Action --- DACA (Thursday, November 9, 2017): Jennifer Jensen shared there will be a day of action where DACA recipients and supports will caravan to Representative David Valadao's office urging him to be a sponsor of DACA. In order for it not to have to be voted on there need to be 218 sponsors. Currently there are 199.

Letter Regarding Immigration Resource Office: Mai Thao, Community Political Organizer, explained to those in attendance that SEIU 521/Latino Caucus is a member of the Immigration Coalition. She asked Latino Caucus's support in sending a letter to Fresno Mayor Lee Brand in support of an office of Immigration Affairs in the City of Fresno. Letter was reviewed for Caucus by Chair Lambaren. Jennifer Jensen made a motion in favor of sending the letter. Seconded by Lucia Sapiens. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Citizenship Prescreen Workshop (Saturday, November 11, 2017): Jennifer Jensen shared there will be a citizenship prescreen workshop Saturday, November 11, 20018 at 9:00 A.M. at Manchester Center. Volunteers requested.

**Donation Requests:** Henry Lopez made a motion to donate \$200 to the Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Glove Drive. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum:** none

**Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 7:40P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Jensen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer Jensen

Latino Caucus --- Fresno Secretary