

**SEIU 521**  
**LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.

**Welcome** extended to all of those in attendance by Chair Lambaren. Those in attendance: Fresno- Lorenzo Lambaren, Jennifer Jensen, Laura Basua, Brian Murillo, Francis Coronado, Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (guest), Maria Luisa Gutierrez (guest), Esteban Ramirez (guest), Cheye Ramirez (guest), Joy Hall Villareal, Sandra Schillaci, Lenora Licon, Diana Vasquez and Mai Thao. Video Conference from Visalia: Mark Araiza and Erica Mireles from Proteus.

**Treasurer's Report:** (as of 1-31-15 balance \$11,236.87): Chair Lambaren reported that the ending monthly financial report and balance report is not received until approximately the tenth of each month.. He stated that there are no outstanding unpaid expenses other than food.

**Secretary's Report:** minutes from the prior month's meeting were distributed. When Chair Lambaren asked if there were any changes or additions. Laura Basua asked if last month weren't pens, mini-portfolios and pins (memorabilia and organizing items) distributed to those in attendance. It was confirmed that they were. Francis Coronado made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with corrections to typos and addition of the above information. Seconded by Brian Murillo. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

**Old Business:**

- A. Citizenship Workshop (March 7, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.): there will be a workshop on the above date and time at the SEIU Local Union office to familiarize themselves with completion of the mandatory forms for DACA.. Logistics still need to be through Mi Familia Vota as far as date and time.
- B. César Chavez Birthday Event: Chair Lambaren reported the event has between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Laura Basua made a motion to scale back on the local César Chavez but continue with the themed art contest. Francis Coronado seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. ART CONTEST: the consensus was to have the three following Grade levels: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>; 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a first prize of \$100 and \$75 for second prize in each category. The theme will be "With Education Si Se Puede". The requirements as to size and type of paper as well as medium to be used will remain the same. Deadline for submission is April 30, 2015 at 5:00P.M. Judging May 1, 2015. Prizes will be awarded at the regular meeting of Latino Caucus on May 6, 2015. The dinner agreed upon were fajitas, beans, rice and cake.

**On-Going:**

- A. Immigration Reform: there will be a workshop in May sometime sponsored by Mi Familia Vota for those wishing to apply for DACA.
- B Fresno Immigration Coalition (Thursdays 12:00 P.M. – 1:00P.M.)

**New Business:** Chair Lambaren reported that the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cesar Chavez Celebration will be sponsored by SEIU Local 521 San Jose Latino Caucus. The event will be held at the Union Office in San Jose from 1:00P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Donation Requests:** Mark Araiza, staff from the Seiu Local 521, who is forming a Latino Caucus Chapter in Visalia, requested \$525 for the César Chavez Event March 28, 2015. He stated the event is being held in conjunction with the César Chavez Legacy Committee, Proteus and other community organizations. There will be a march that starts at College of Sequoias (COS) and proceed to Proteus. At Proteus there will be informational and food booths as well as different vendors and music. Music will be provided by Radio Campasiono. The event will bring together the community as well as educate everyone on the life and works of César Chavez. Mark Araiza stated \$525 request was for specific assistance for the artists, sound equipment and stage. After discussion as to where the money will come from a motion was made from Brian Murillo to donate the \$525 as requested to the César Chavez event in Visalia from the amount originally budgeted amount for the Fresno Cesar Chavez. Seconded by . Vote taken. Motion passed as presented with one nay vote.

**Open Forum:**

- A. Unit 2 Decertification Attempt: Diana Vasquez reported that the decert attempt is still Proceeding. She stated that the phone banking is Monday-Thursday from 6:00P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Dinner is provided at 5:30P.M. Those that will be phone banking need to R.S.V.P.
- B. Barrios Unidos: Noche in Barrios April 25, 2014 fund raising event. Tabled until next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Laura Basua made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Seconded by Lenora Licon. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen  
Latino Caucus – Fresno  
Secretary