

SEIU LOCAL 521  
LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 1, 2015

- I. **Call To Order:** meeting was called to order at 6:00P.M. by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions:** welcome was extended by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren. Introductions were made. For a list of those in attendance sign-in sheets available for review.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lenora Licon presented the report showing as of May 31, 2015 the Latino Caucus – Fresno has \$6,697.93 available.
- IV. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Jennifer Jensen presented the minutes for the May 7, 2015 meeting. Laura Basua asked if the names of those in attendance at the meeting can be added to the agenda. After discussion it was agreed that instead of listing everyone's name the phrase "for a list of those in attendance sign-in sheets available for review". Laura Basua made a motion to accept the minutes as provided with the above phrase. Seconded by Dawn Gallegos. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. Citizenship Forum (June 13, 2015): Community Political Co-coordinator Mai Thao thanked all of those that attended. Approximately 200 in attendance with over 90 people being seen by attorneys.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. Central Valley Latino Conference – August 27, 2015 and August 28, 2015 in Visalia, CA from 8:30A.M. to 4:15 P.M. each day. It was shared the 2-day conference focuses on how Latino families, men, women, teenagers and groups address mental and behavioral issues. Over the two days there will be two general sessions and over 22 workshops on evidence base practices, innovative solutions, alternative treatments and indigenous ancestral teachings. There was discussion on how many tickets should be purchased (\$100 registration per person and \$30 for cost of buffet lunch for both days). Lenora Licon shared that as it is such an educational conference there should be no limit on the number that are allowed to attend. ***Lenora Licon made a motion up to five (5) tickets should be purchased. Jennifer Jensen seconded. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. Those that indicated they would like to go: Lorenzo Lambaren, Sergio Garcia, Jennifer Jensen, Debra Perez and Diana Vasquez.***
  - B. Citizen Ship Workshop: Mai Thao shared that the next workshop, which will be July 11, 2015, will be the fourth workshop. She also stated that volunteers are needed. Those that volunteered from SEIU Local 521 Latino Caucus --- Fresno are: Lorenzo Lambaren, Lenora Licon, Debra Perez and Laura Basua.
  - C. Central California Women's Conference (September 22, 2015): *Chair Lambaren stated that there is a Budget Line Item to send up to 6 people to*

*The Women's Conference. He stated that as it is a line item a motion is not needed. Those that indicated they would like to go from SEIU Local 521 Latino Caucus – Fresno are: Laura Basua, Dawn Gallegos and Debra Perez.*

VII. **Donation Requests:**

- A. Barrios Unidos --- El Joven Noble: Chair Lambaren presented a donation request for Barrios Unidos --- El Joven Noble. Along with the donation request were informational flyers on the purpose of Barrios Unidos and the different programs they have available for the youth. ***Jennifer Jensen made a motion to donate \$500 to Barrios Unidos to be earmarked for Joven Noble. Seconded by Laura Basua. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.***

VIII. **Open Forum**

- A. The Latin@ Leadership Institute: Chair Lambaren presented the informational flyers on the Institute September 22 – 25, 2015 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Batista, CA. Community, labor and political organizers will provide training on issues that include immigrants' rights, civic participation, health and safety and environmental justice. The cost is \$480 per person which includes room, board and the conference. The information was reviewed within the group. ***Laura Basua made a motion to approve up to five people to attend the conference and also payment of a rental car. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. Those that indicated they would like to attend this conference are: Lorenzo Lambaren, Debbie Perez, Brian Murillo and Jennifer Jensen. Dawn Gallegos stated she would like to be an alternate***
- B. Update – Mai Thao, Community Political Organizer:
1. Children Over Politics: plan on convening a meeting in Fresno possibly July 18, 2015. This would be the first meeting of the group in the Fresno Area. Date, time and location have not been finalized.
  2. Fresno Immigration Coalition: the Coalition is pushing a resolution in support of DACA. City Council Members Oliver Baines and Esmeralda Soria are behind the resolution. Clint Olivier seems to be supportive. Some members of the Coalition have also started talking to members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Currently Brian Pacheco and Buddy Mendez seem open to supportive DACA Resolution. There will be a Forum to educate the public on DACA. No date and time have been set

- IX. **Adjournment:** Laura Basua made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen, Secretary