

SEIU LOCAL 521  
LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 2014

- I. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions:** Welcome was extended to all in attendance. Those in attendance: Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (guest), Maria Luisa Gutierrez (guest), Laura Basua, Jennifer Jensen, Sandra Schillaci, Isabel Rosales, Joy Hall Villarreal, Lorenzo Lambaren, Lenora Licon, Anna Moreno, Mai Thao, Diana Vasquez
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Chair Lambaren reported that as per the most current end of month financial statement ending June 30, 2014 the balance is \$8,630. The following Authorizations are still outstanding: Poverllo House, Community Food Bank and Camp Fitness.
- IV. **Secretary's Report:** the minutes of the following month's meeting were reviewed. Sandra Schalachi made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Isabel Rosales. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. Hispanic Heritage Month Observance (September 15, 2014 – October 15, 2014): As per report by Co-Chairs Lenora Licon and Sandra Schalachi it is still in the planning stages. *for the*
  - B. Mothers-Helping-Mothers Donation Request: the consensus was to pull *item* from the agenda at this time and table for a later date as Brenda Flores, the one making the request, was not in attendance to provide information.
  - C. Community Outreach: Chair Lambaren asked if anyone had been making inroads in to any community outreach. Chair Lambaren reported that at the end of the month will be the Chicano History Revisited event at Mosqueda Center. When there is more information available he will be forwarding it to everyone. He also reported that the CRLA – Building Healthy Communities is working on collecting supplies for the Refugee Children.
- VI. **On-Going:**
  - A. Immigration Reform: Chair Lambaren reported that he hasn't heard anything going on locally or with the Coalition.
  - B. Teleconference/Video Conference with San Jose (August 9, 2010) Chair Lambaren reported that members will have to call in from their phones and use the call in info available on the postcards received in the mail.
  - C. Mi Familia Vota: Sam Medina from Mi Familia Vota reported on the following activities: August 19, 2014 from 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. at Selland Arena there will be voter registration after the Naturalization Ceremony. The other events that will be happening on August 23, 2014

*Respectfully Submitted*  
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are a Block Walk for voter registration in the morning and a citizenship workshop in the afternoon. Information will be forthcoming

**VII. New Business:**

- A. Annual Central California Labor Council Labor Day Breakfast (September 1, 2014): Chair Lambaren shared how this is an annual breakfast hosted by the Central California Labor Council where all of the local Unions come together with Union endorsed political candidates. Jennifer Jensen made a motion to purchase ten (10) tickets to the breakfast. Seconded by Joy Hall Villarreal. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those wishing to attend.
- B. Central California Women's Conference (September 16, 2014): the importance of this annual conference was discussed as well as the number of people who really wanted to attend. Sandra Schillaci made a motion to purchase two (2) tickets to the Central California Women's Conference on September 16, 2014 at \$100 apiece. Seconded by Laura Basua. Discussion was as to who wish to attend. Those who indicated that they wished to attend were Isabel Rosales and Joy Hall Villarreal. No others wished to attend. Vote taken. Motion passed to purchase two tickets with Isabel Rosales and Joy Hall Villarreal in attendance.
- C. Budget for 2015: Chair Lambaren stated that he has worked on the Latino Caucus- Fresno Budget for 2015 as well as the 2015 calendar and submitted it to Social Economic Justice Committee for approval. Chair Lambaren also explained that the Social Economic Justice Committee (SEJ) is the umbrella under which all the SEIU caucuses fall. He also explained that there is wiggle room in the budget should the caucus be required to cut.
- D. Caucus Summit (October 11, 2014) Chair Lambaren asked all members who wished to attend to keep the date open. He also explained the purpose of the summit.
- E. Upcoming Election: Mai Town, SEIU 521 Community Political Organizer and one of the Campaign Organizers for Blong Xiong, spoke to the members on Blong's upcoming campaign. She stated August 18, 2014 looks to be the start date for phone banking --- which will be done at the SEIU 521 office. She also stated that September 6, 2014 will be the kick off for precinct walking. Jennifer Jensen made a motion to adopt every Wednesday as Latino Caucus night for phone banking for Blong. Seconded by Laura Basua. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

**VIII. Open Forum:** a motion was made for SEIU 521 to purchase 10 tickets and Spend up to \$150 to buy tickets for the Central Labor Council Breakfast. It Was understood this is not to come out of the Latino Caucus Budget. Seconded by Lorenzo Lambaren. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

**IX. Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 7:51