

SEIU LOCAL 521
LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Call To Order: the meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.

Welcome & Introductions: welcome was extended to all by Chair Lambaren.

Attending: Dawn Gallegos, Jennifer Gallegos, Joy Hall-Villareal, Lenora Licon, Lucia Sapiens, Arvelia Cooper-Whigham, Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia, Maria Luis Gutierrez, Olga Garcia, Micaela Garcia, Lorenzo Lambaren and Jennifer Jensen.

Treasurer's Report: no report yet. Chair Lambaren reported that there is no 2016 Budget. Chair Lambaren did report that each caucus will receive approximately \$30,000 for 2016. Chair Lambaren reported that the amount is not final yet but will probably be the stated amount. He went on to explain that the large reduction is due to the loss of IHSS members to Stated Local 2015 as of August 1, 2015.

Chair Lambaren reported that two outstanding expenses are the All Caucus End Of The Year Event and The ten children from Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter that are adopted for the holidays.

Old Business

Citizenship Town Hall (8/22/15) at FCC: Lorenzo Lambaren and Sergio Garcia both attended. Sergio reported that the facilitators/people on stage seemed very informed. Chair Lambaren reported that there seemed to be some people in the audience with their own agenda. He also reported that there will be another one scheduled but no date has been set yet.

The Central Valley Latino Conference (August 27, 2015 and August 28, 2015) in Visalia. Chair Lambaren reported those that attended were: Jennifer Jensen, Diane Vasquez, and Sergio Garcia and himself. He stated that the focus seemed to be geared more on the mental health aspects of the Latino Community but there were aspects that were able to be applied in all aspects. He also shared that next year the Caucus next year it may be more beneficial to send members that are working in the mental health field. Sergio reported that he really enjoyed the conference and the workshops he attended

2015): Chair Lambaren invited all those that wished to attend as guests of Latino Caucus to let him know as there are 10 tickets available.

U.C. Berkley Labor Center Leadership Conference (September 22, 2015 – September 25, 2015) in San Juan Bautista: those attending will be Lorenzo Lambaren, Brian Murillo, Jennifer Jensen and Debbie Perez.

Central California women's Conference (September 22, 2015): the Latino Caucus purchased two tickets. Those who will be attending Laura Basua and Dawn Gallegos.

Caucus summit (October 10, 2015) in San Jose: will be taking names of those that would like to attend. Caucus may rent a van to attend.

Fresno Aids Walk (October 17, 2015) at Woodward Park: sign-up sheet to be circulated

EOC Fiftieth Anniversary (October 19, 2015) Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham gave a report on the Appearance of Civil Rights Leader and Congressman John Lewis.

All Caucus Summit (October 10, 2015) in San Jose: sign up list will be provided. Depending on number of people attending from Fresno possibly rent van.

New Business:

Citizenship Class (September 19, 2015): Chair Lambaren reported the next class will be held on this date. Everyone was urged to volunteer time to help.

Donation Requests:

MothersHelping Mothers (Follow Up Request): it was agreed to table as Brenda Flores had not

Yet provided the additional information requested.

Marjoree Mason Center Top 10 Business Women Of The Year Awards Luncheon/Fund Raiser (October 16, 2015): Lenora Licon made a motion to purchase 3 tickets for the luncheon at \$60 apiece. Seconded by Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham. Lenora amended the motion to a maximum of 5 tickets at \$60 a piece. The table then could be shared by other Caucus's wishing to purchase tickets. Via seconded amendment. No further discussion. Motion passed as presented.

FASTA Glove Drive: Sergio Garcia discussed the Fresno Area Substitute Teacher's Glove Drive. He requested donation to help purchase gloves for children in area needy schools. Joy Hall-Villareal made a motion to donate \$500 to the FASTA Glove Drive. Seconded by Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Open Forum: none

Adjournment: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 P.M. Seconded by Dawn Gallegos. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen
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Secretary