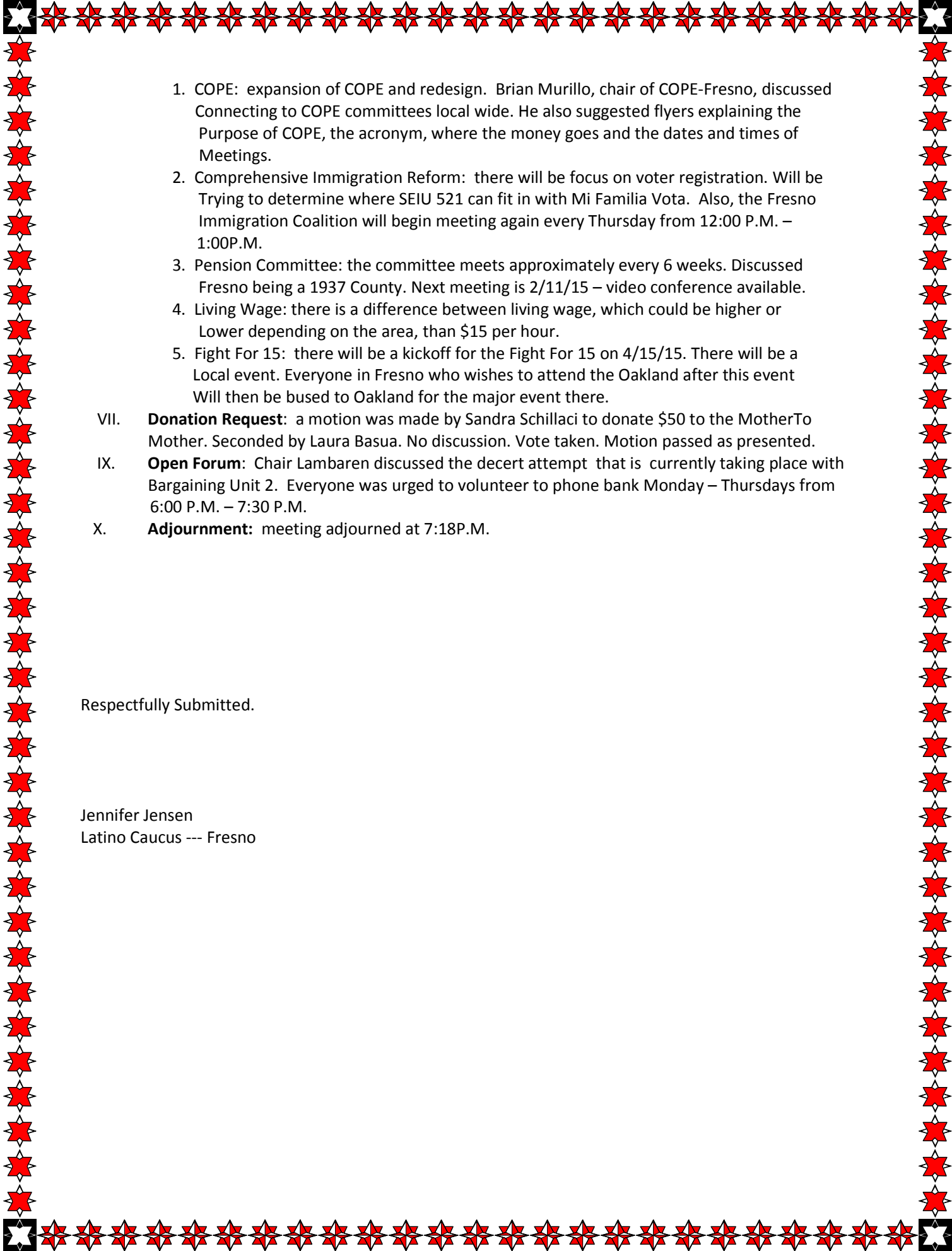


SEIU LOCAL 521
LATINO CAUCUS – FRESNO
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2015

- I. **Call To Order:** the meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions:** welcome was extended to all in attendance by Chair Lambaren.
Those in attendance: Laura Basua, Brian Murillo, Lorenzo Lambaren, Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (Guest), Maria Luisa Gutierrez (guest), Jennifer Jensen, Joy Hall Villarreal, Anna Moreno, Lenora Licon, Sandra Schillaci, Sam Molina (Mi Familia Vota), Mai Thao (Staff), Diana Vasquez (Staff).
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lenora Licon reported that as of January 1, 2015 the Caucus' The new budget year for 2015 began with \$11,365.00. There are outstanding expenses for the meal in the amount of \$88.13 and a donation expense in the amount of \$40 for a table of 10 to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast. Total outstanding expenses =128.130
- IV. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Jennifer Jensen presented the minutes from the prior month's Meeting. Joy Hall-Villarreal made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with corrections As noted. Seconded by Laura Basua. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. Martin Luther King Jr. Activities; Chair Lambaren reported no one attended the garlanding Ceremony but several people attended the Community Breakfast and the March.
 - B. Citizenship Internship Classes (February 25, 2015) Sam Molina from Mi Familia Vota Reported that there will be another training class at SEIU Local 521 Union office to Prepare for the next Citizenship Workshop.
 - C. Citizenship Workshop (March 7, 2015 9:00A.M. – 2:00P.M. SEIU 521 Office): Sam Molina reported the second Free Citizenship Workshop will be held March 7, 2015 Volunteers were requested. Sam reported that at the first Citizenship Workshop over 150 people attended but due to the number of volunteers only 50 people were able to be assisted.
Sam also reported that on February 17, 2015 there will be a nationwide Day of Action. the local Fresno action will be held at the Federal Building beginning with a press conference beginning at 11:00A.M. and ending at noon. Everyone was urged to attend.
 - D. César Chavez Birthday Event (March 21, 2015): there was discussion as to when to have the Caucus' annual César Celebration. There was discussion as to check and see what local Community events will be taking place and see if the Caucus would be able to participate. Joy Hall-Villarreal volunteered to be Chairman should a committee be needed to plan event. Jennifer Jensen and Lorenzo Lambaren agreed to assist.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. Mai Thao, local Political Community Organizer, discussed the political priorities of SEIU 521. That the political community organizers throughout the local and the director Had met discuss the political priorities for 2015. The list was so long that it was determined That the political plan would be from 2015 and build up to the 2016 political year/races. The locals top 5 political plans:

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1. COPE: expansion of COPE and redesign. Brian Murillo, chair of COPE-Fresno, discussed Connecting to COPE committees local wide. He also suggested flyers explaining the Purpose of COPE, the acronym, where the money goes and the dates and times of Meetings.
 2. Comprehensive Immigration Reform: there will be focus on voter registration. Will be Trying to determine where SEIU 521 can fit in with Mi Familia Vota. Also, the Fresno Immigration Coalition will begin meeting again every Thursday from 12:00 P.M. – 1:00P.M.
 3. Pension Committee: the committee meets approximately every 6 weeks. Discussed Fresno being a 1937 County. Next meeting is 2/11/15 – video conference available.
 4. Living Wage: there is a difference between living wage, which could be higher or Lower depending on the area, than \$15 per hour.
 5. Fight For 15: there will be a kickoff for the Fight For 15 on 4/15/15. There will be a Local event. Everyone in Fresno who wishes to attend the Oakland after this event Will then be bused to Oakland for the major event there.

VII. **Donation Request:** a motion was made by Sandra Schillaci to donate \$50 to the MotherTo Mother. Seconded by Laura Basua. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

IX. **Open Forum:** Chair Lambaren discussed the decert attempt that is currently taking place with Bargaining Unit 2. Everyone was urged to volunteer to phone bank Monday – Thursdays from 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

X. **Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 7:18P.M.

Respectfully Submitted.

Jennifer Jensen
Latino Caucus --- Fresno