

SEIU 521
SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANAURY 11, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Alysia Bonner.
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: welcome was extended to all by Chair Bonner
Those In Attendance:
Fresno: Joy Hall Villareal, Alex Betancourt, Alysia Bonner, Arvelia Cooper-Whigham, Jennifer Jensen and Maya Daugherty (staff)
San Jose: Rachel Subega, Ethel Jackson, Marilyn De Rouen, Myrna Bravo and Heidi
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alex Betancourt made a motion to accept the December 14, 2015 minutes as presented. Seconded by Rachel Subega. No discussion. Vote taken. Passed with one nay.
4. OPEN FORUM:
 - ❖ Sam Molina of Mi Familia presented a volunteer calendar of events for 2016 in the Fresno Area.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Bonner reported the budgets are secure. She also reported the PWD and Lavender Caucus's budget is less this year because they are not active caucuses. The NAIC Caucus's budget has been increased to \$3,000 for 2016. The other caucuses have \$5,500.
6. OLD BUSINESS:
 - ❖ BUDGETED ITEM(S): Chair Bonner reported the only budgeted item is the \$300 for the Western Workers.
7. NEW BUSINESS:
 - ❖ DONATION REQUESTS: none
 - ❖ CAUCUS REPORTS:
 - AFRAM
 - Santa Clara/San Mateo: There will be a Martin Luther King event At the Masonic Center. A Middle School College Day is being planned. The Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet Project started this date and will last to May, 2016. Members will read to children in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. Members will be attending the Western Regional Board Meeting in Seattle February 26, 2016 – February 28, 2016.
 - Fresno: no report
 - APALA
 - Santa Clara/San Mateo: At the December APALA meeting the caucus celebrated Christmas. Approximately 20 people attended. The caucus will be holding elections as most of the members transitioned to SEIU Local 2015. Myrna Bravo reported that she had attended one of the Local 2015 APALA Caucus meetings. She found there was no structure, no agenda and disorganized.
 - Fresno: no report
 - LATINO
 - Santa Clara/San Mateo: the caucus had a holiday dinner for less fortunate children and their families. At the last meeting there was

about 20 people. This meeting was used as an opportunity to let people know of the upcoming events as well as the cut in budget. Also, the caucus is collecting children's books in Spanish. The books will be donated for the Holding Center in Pleasanton. ICE is still deporting people. Classes are being held at Lady of Guadalupe to let people know Court.

- Fresno: the caucus will be volunteering to work with Mi Familia Vota for voter registration and assisting the community members in completing their citizenship paperwork.
- WOMEN'S: the caucus is busy completing a 2016 Calendar of upcoming events throughout the year. They are also working on updating the by-laws The first Queen For A Day for 2016 will be held February 13, 2016. Members are also asked to donate any nail polish/blink for the activity. The donation of toiletries for ongoing donation for the homeless ladies who avail themselves of the facilities at Holy Cross.
- NAIC: the caucus attended the Red Road Sober Pow. The Native American veteran's group will be coming to a meeting to discuss request for funds to Purchase a teepee.
- PWD: no report

Rachel Subega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43P.M. Seconded by Alex Betancourt. No Discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as present.

