

**SEIU LOCAL 521**  
**SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 8, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. by Co-Chair Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a motion was made by Francis Coronado to table the December 11, 2017 minutes until the next meeting. Seconded by Rachel Subega. Discussion: none. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Lorenzo Lambaren reported that SEJ started the year 2018 with \$10,388.00.

**OPEN FORUM:** no issues

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Budgeted Items: Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival: Co-Chair Whigham-Cooper reported this is a budgeted line item there for there is no motion/vote/approval needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Donation Request: Rachel Subega made a motion to a pay up to \$1,500 for air fare, ground transportation, meals, and room accommodations for Alysia Bonner to attend the Cuba-California Worker Solidarity Annual Event April 28, 2018 through May 10, 2018. Seconded by Bella Barela. Discussion: none. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Caucus Reports:

AFRAM-Fresno: AFRAM-Fresno is busy preparing for their February 24, 2018 Black History Month Event.

AFRAM-San Jose: report on several of the activities in which the Caucus participates.

APALA-Fresno: reported on their coat give away

APALA – San Jose: no report

LATINO-Fresno: reported the Caucus will be participating in the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Breakfast. The Caucus will also be preparing for the SEIU CHALLENGE: Feeding The Homeless.

LATINO-San Jose: the annual Retirees' Holiday Luncheon was held in December. There were over 100 people in attendance.

NATIVE AMERICAN: no report.

PWD: the Caucus is still growing. The Caucus has received their t-shirts and banners. The Caucus will be meeting on a quarterly basis.

RETIREES-Fresno: The Fresno Caucus is currently working on a check sheet for newly retired members titled: "Did You Know?". The list will provide information.

RETIREES- San Jose: The Retirees held their annual Holiday Luncheon December 6, 2017. Over 100 people. The Retirees' and their guests attended from several regions of SEIU.

RISE: the newly formed Caucus will have their first meeting fourth Monday starting January 22, 2018

WOMENS-Fresno: the Caucus will also be participating in the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Breakfast and the SEIU CHALLENGE: Feeding The Homeless.

WOMENS-Kings-Tulare County: no report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jennifer Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Seconded by Rachel Subega. Discussion – none. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen, Secretary.