

**SEIU LOCA 521**  
**SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 9, 2017**

1. **Call To Order:** meeting was called to order at 6:05P.M. by Chair Alysia Bonner
2. **Welcome & Introductions:** welcome was extended to all in attendance at SEIU 521 offices in Fresno and San Jose as well as those attending via telephone. For attendance sign in sheets are available at the Fresno and San Jose office for viewing.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** due to the absence of the SEJ Secretary Jennifer Jensen due to a surgery minutes were taken in her absence but were not ready for presentation. Tabled for February 13, 2017 meeting.
4. Open Forum: none
5. **Treasure' s Report:** Treasurer Lorenzo Lambaren reported that the total budget for SEJ for 2017 is \$6,324.50 and each individual caucus has its own budget for 2017 that is not included in this total.
6. **Old Business:**  
Budgeted Item(s): Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival \$300. Chair Bonner explained since this is a specific budgeted line item a motion is not needed.
7. **New Business**

Donation Requests:

- a. Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham made a motion to donate \$150 to the local Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Committee. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. There was no discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed Unanimously as presented.
- b. Jennifer Jensen made a motion to purchase a plaque for Mariam Alvarez to recognize her work and long time dedication to all of the caucuses in the amount of \$100. Seconded by Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham. The discussion was as to the type of plaque to purchase. It was agreed to purchase on in glass and with all of the logos from the caucuses. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously as presented.

Caucus Reports:

*AFRAM*

*Fresno* --- Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported there was no December, 2016. The caucus is donating \$100 to purchase tickets for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast. She also reported that member of the Caucus are planning to attend the many events in the area honoring the works and birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. including a wreathing ceremony, community breakfast, candlelight vigil and march.

*San Jose* --- Marilyn DeReoun reported that next month there will be a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon in February, 2017 which caucus members Will be attending. She also spoke about several large donations made to Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet. Marilyn also spoke of the national Conference being held in April, 2017.

*APALA*

Fresno: Cecilia Tatum reported that members participated in the End Of The Year event held in December, 2016. She also reported the caucus Caucus donated tamales and poinsettias for the event. She also stated there is a fund raising casino trip February 18, 2016. The proceeds from the trip will go towards the scholarships awarded each year.

San Jose : Karen Nakatani reported that right now the caucus is in the process of restructuring.

*LATINO:*

Fresno: Lorenzo Lambaren reported that there are several activities the caucus will be attending/participating in the month of January, 2017: Immigration Rights Fair, Immigration Citizenship, Voter Registration and Planning César Chavez participation for March, 2017

San Jose: no report.

*WOMENS:*

Fresno: Jennifer Jensen reported no meeting was held for January, 2017. She also reported that at the February 6, 2017 they will start reviewing the proposed changes for the by-laws.

*PWD*


Fresno: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported that the caucus has elected all of their officers. They will be meeting bi-monthly.

*NAIC:*

Fresno: Jennifer Jensen reported that the caucus is slowly getting off of the Ground. She also reported that they meet the third Monday of the month.

Jennifer Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. Seconded by Karen Nakatani. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jennifer Jensen  
Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Secretary