

**SEIU LOCAL 521**  
**SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** those in attendance and phone call-in can be verified by viewing the sign-in sheets at the Union offices in Fresno and San Jose.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Lorenzo Lambaren verified as of \$1,853.07.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** the minutes for the October, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Nancy Her made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Patricia Stratham-Clay seconded. Discussion – none. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented to accept the minutes for the October, 2017 meeting as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

End Of The Year All Caucus Event in Fresno December 9, 2017: everyone was reminded of the event. Veronica Moya stated that everyone who wishes to be on the planning committee will be contacted for future meeting. Lorenzo Lambaren made a motion to increase the contribution from SEJ to the End Of The Year All Caucus Event from \$100 to \$400 --- \$100 to be taken from the 2017 SEJ Line Budget Item and an additional \$300 to come from the donation line. Seconded by Nancy Her. Discussion – none. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**BUDGETED ITEMS:** none

**CAUCUS REPORTS:**

APALA (Santa Clara): Carmela De Sopa reported that APALA – Santa Clara recently joined a march at Tesla.

APALA (Fresno) Cecilia Tatum reported that APALA – Fresno is recently had their scholarship fund-raiser bus trip to Black Oak Casino. She reported that it was a sell out and another one is in the planning stages for the near future; She also reported that the caucus is gearing up for their end of the year coat drive.

AFRAM (Santa Clara): Marilyn Dereon reported that AFRAM – Santa Clara has been very busy the last month. Their actives have included a Culture Resp. Workshop, Civic Engagement Project and Colle Day for African Americans at San Jose State.

AFRAM (Fresno): Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported that they are planning the African American History Month observance.

Latino (San Jose): Rachel Subega stated several members participated/marched in the Veteran's Day Parade. They also participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> year celebration of S.I.R.E.N. Members will also be attended the SECURE Choice meeting in Sacramento on November 27, 2017.

Latino (Fresno): Lorenzo Lambaren reported on several activities the Caucus has participated in the Fresno Aids Walk and also participate in the SEIU Challenge: Feeding The Homeless. They also are going to participate in the Barrios Unidos and the Fiesta Navidena Fundraisers.

Millennials: Christian Yarbrough reported that they are attempting to start a Millennial Caucus. The first meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday starting January, 2018.

WOMENS: Jennifer Jensen reported that the Women's Caucus also participated in the Fresno Aids Walk, the Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure and the SEIU CHALLENGE: Feeding The Homeless.

PWD: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported that PWD meets quarterly and the caucus is attempting to build up membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

