

**SEIU LOCAL 521**  
**SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

**Call To Order:** the meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chair Alysia Bonner. Welcome was extended to all in attendance.

**Attending:**

Fresno: Bella Barela, Solomon Barela (guest), Lorenzo Lambaren, Christian Yarbrough, Francis Coronado, Alysia Bonner, Sergio Garcia, Jennifer Jensen, Arvelia Cooper-Whigham and Liane Mazzella.

San Jose: Rachel Subega, Karen Nakatani, Carmella DiSopa and Marilyn Mara.

Telephone: RoseAnn Dominguez.

**Approval Of Minutes:** tabled to next meeting.

**Open Forum:**

Together We Rise: Mission Statement/Purpose was reviewed. Chair Bonner asked everyone to Please be mindful of this statement.

Accountability Policy: Chair Bonner asked that all officers/members of the Caucus's be mindful of how their Caucus spends their money. Liane Mazzella asked that each Caucus provide her with an update of their officers.

Caucus Authorizations: Liane Mazzella provided refresher training on properly completing each authorization. She stated if it is not a "budgeted line item" and is taken from a different line to provide that information in the Caucus minutes. Also, to please provide supportive documentation such as a flyer, letter, invitation, etc. It is also important not to wait for the last week or day to submit the authorization.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lorenzo Lambaren stated as per the current financial report ending 1/31/18 SEJ has \$9,676.77.

**Old Business:**

Budgeted Item(s): none

Budget: no concerns

**New Business:**

Donation Request: Ethel Jackson made a request, via e-mail, for any size donation to The Kinship, Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Santa Clara County. This organization assists in providing services, programs and events to foster, kinship and adoptive children in the area.

Marilyn Mara made a motion to donate \$500 the KAFPA. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen.

Discussion: none. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

**Caucus Reports:**

**AFRAM:**

Fresno: A Black History Month event February 24, 2018 at the Union Office. There also is a fund-raising bus trip to Blackoak Casino on April 7, 2018. A second fund- arising bus trip, which should be an overnight trip, is in the works for a future date.

San Jose: there will be a luncheon and Black Legend Awards held in honor pf Black History Month. Black Kitchen Cabinet continues to be active. There is a move to have A street named Barack Obama Blvd. There is also a Western Regional Board Meeting coming up.

**APALA:**

Fresno: Heritage Month Celebration is being held May 12, 2018 from 11:00A.M. to 3:00P.M.

San Jose: participated in the Women's March on January 20, 2018. Met with Alan Wong, to organize and regulate the Fair Pricing Act For Dialysis

LATINO:

Fresno: Discussing whether or not to have a César Chavez event in Fresno or Participate in a community event or with Latino Caucus San Jose. Most recent Event, SEIU Challenge: Feeding The Homeless was held January 21, 2018. There Were also community members who participated.

San Jose: the Caucus participated in the Women's March as well as attending a Meet and Greet with Gubernatorial Candidate Gavin Newsome. They will also be Participating in the Mechica New Year March 8 2018 . Their Annual César Chavez Event will be held April 7, 2018.

Rachel Subega requested a donation to help with the expenses of the event. She Stated last year SEJ donated approximately \$150. Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham Made a motion to donate \$500 to the Latino Caucus – San Jose César Chavez Event April 7, 2018. Seconded by Bella Barela. Discussion: none. Vote taken: Motion passed as presented.

Native American: working on their Native American History Event in November, 2018.

Also hope to attend some upcoming Pow-Wows locally

PWD: next meeting to be held March 12, 2018.

Retiree's

Fresno: working to build membership.

San Jose: active and growing

RISE: next meeting February 26, 2018.

WOMEN'S"

Fresno: in planning stages for Women's History Month.

Visalia: becoming more and more active.

**Adjournment:** 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Jensen