

SEIU 521  
SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: welcome was extended to all of those in attendance.  
San Jose: Marilyn De Rouen, Ethel Jackson and Myrna Bravo. On Phone: Melissa Willett  
Fresno: Alysia Bonner, Lorenzo Lambaren, Arvelia Via Cooper, Joy Hall-Villareal, Bella Barela, Solomon Barela, Cecilia Tatum, Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (guest), Maria Luisa Garcia (guest), Jennifer Jensen, Olga Garcia, Darlynn Qualls, Alex Betancourt & Maraim Alvarez (Staff)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: the minutes of October 2015 were approved w/a one correction – of adding a qualifying of what minutes were approved by Lorenzo. Nov & Dec minutes were fine. Jan 2016 Heidi's last name wasn't included – Pham per Sergio.
4. Motioned for Approval w/these corrections by Lorenzo; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cecile; & carried by all.
5. OPEN FORUM: Alysia received a Thank You letter from Marjorie Mason Center for annual donation. Alysia also gave a reminder that next month, March 2016, that there will be a transition of new & re-elected officials for our Local 521 for the Executive Board: Arvelia Via was re-elected as AFRAM Delegate; Rachel was re-elected Latino Delegate; & Karen was elected as APALA Delegate.  
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6. TREASURER REPORT: \$7,029.88: \$300 was the last item to be deducted. Lorenzo hasn't received January's Balance from Ming (it will be coming on/or after Feb 10<sup>th</sup>). Latino had \$1,700 at the end of December 2015. PWD had \$6,000 at the end of December 2015. Lorenzo cautioned everyone to be mindful of our spending/over-spending.
7. OLD BUSINESS: none
8. NEW BUSINESS:  
DONATION REQUEST: Made For Them – Human Trafficking organization is having their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fashion Show on Friday, February 26, 2016 with tickets \$65 per person, \$250 – MFT Fan: for 2 people with a name in program and Swag for each person or \$850 Fashionista: 8 reserved seats, name in program and Swag for each guest. Jennifer motioned to send 3 SEJ members: Jennifer, Joy and Alex for \$65 tickets; Joy 2<sup>nd</sup>; all voted yes.  
CAUCUS REPORTS  
AFRAM 1] Santa Clara/San Mateo – Marilyn spoke about Black Kitchen will be reading books to kindergartners and that they sang and marched around with the song We Shall Overcome last week. Also on this Friday, 300 middle school students will be attending the song and march with the song We Shall Overcome. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, the Mexican Heritage – American Actors Guild will be happening in Santa Clara. 2] Fresno – Arvelia gave a report about Fresno's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black History Celebration on 2/20/16 Saturday from 11-2 pm. She will be attending the 1<sup>st</sup> face-to-face Western Regional meeting being held in Seattle, WA on 2/26-28/16.  
APALA 1] Santa Clara/San Mateo – Myrna gave report that she wasn't able to attend their meeting to know what was happening this Feb. In January there was a workshop for the Sun & Unsung. A We Shall Not Be Moved song was done and 12 other songs were made during their Western Labor Concert. It was beautiful and very talented participants.  
2] Fresno – Bella gave the report on Fresno's APALA. Their Nov Coat drive was a success. They are holding their scholarship Bus Trip to on March 19 to Black Oak Casino in Sonora, Ca. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Fresno City College is Having their Asian Heritage Celebration. On May 7<sup>th</sup> is their

Heritage Month Celebration. Alysia reported that Santa Clara will be having their elections per Heidi Pham.

Latino 1] San Jose/San Mateo – no report as Rachel had illness in her family. 2] Fresno report given by Lorenzo. Mi Familia registering has begun. Latino is working on increasing their membership.

NATIVE AMERICAN Fresno – Alex reported. They would like for their new logo on the Caucus flyer to replace the old one. They are still talking to the Native American Veterans to see about networking with future projects. Fresno Native Americans cancelled their Jan meeting as it fell on a holiday 1/18/16. Fresno Native Americans rescheduled this month meeting as it also falls on a holiday (15<sup>th</sup>) to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

PWD San Jose/San Mateo report was given by Alysia. There is interest in starting up this caucus in Fresno and still in the talking stage. There are 4 members that will keep working toward this; there is seed money of \$1,000 slotted for this group. A young man named Jason made a video on how homeless people can be reconnected with their lost family; he can be contacted regarding this at (408) 920-5006. Alysia was commented that homeless people who need their death or birth records by filling out the applications at the homeless shelters in their county for free and then their local shelter can submit them to the local Vital Records.

WOMEN'S Jennifer gave the report. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 women attended the MLK Breakfast. This Saturday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Queen for a Day on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. They received a generous donation from Via of supplies to help them serve the women of Holy Cross Sanctuary. There will be 4 work sites Celebration Women's History month during the lunch hour.

Adjournment: motioned by Jennifer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myrna at 7:24 pm; motioned carried unanimously.