

SEIU LOCAL 521
SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM Chair Alysia Bonner.

Welcome was extended to all in attendance:

Fresno: Alysia Bonner, Jennifer Jensen, Bella Barela, Solomon Barela (guest), Joy Hall-Villarreal; Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Adonis Whigham (guest) and Lorenzo Lambaren.

San Jose: Marilyn DeRouen

Telephone: no one

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: approval of March 13, 2017 meeting tabled for May 8, 2017 meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

Labor Fest: Jennifer Jensen made a motion to increase the amount for Labor Fest from \$100 to \$150. This increase would allow the name of the SEIU SEJ Committee in the program. Seconded by Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Caravana Contra El Miedo: Jennifer Jensen discussed The Caravan which will be in Fresno April 12, 2017. Jennifer also shared that there will be a rally from 10:00A.M. to 12:00P.M. In front of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. The rally is to stand up for Immigrant Rights, ICE Out of California, Yes on SB54, and making Fresno a Sanctuary City and a Sanctuary State.

Mi Familia Vota Fund Raiser: Chair Bonner shared the information on the fund raiser to be held April 22, 2017 from 5:00P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at Blaze Pizza in Fresno. Twenty percent of the money spent by patrons will be donated to Mi Familia Vota upon showing a picture of the flyer from cell phone or a copy of the actual flyer.

Santa Clara County: Marilyn Dereon shared that Santa Clara County is filing a lawsuit against Donald Trump for threatening to withhold Federal Funds should a city become a sanctuary city or a state becomes a sanctuary state.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Lorenzo Lambaren stated as of March 31, 2017 there is \$5,617.75 in the SEJ Budget for 2017. He went on to report there are some pending food payments and the Donation for Reel Works (\$300) and Labor Fest (\$150).

OLD BUSINESS:

Budgeted Item(s): No budgeted items for April, 2017

Upcoming: Reel Works (\$300) and Labor Fest (\$100)

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation Requests:

Donation Requests: Jennifer Jensen made a motion for a \$50 donation to the Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter Annual Diaper Drive that is held annually from April 1 to April 30 to be taken from the donation line. Seconded by Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham. Do discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously as presented.

Caucus Reports:

AFRAM

Fresno: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported they are preparing to attend their national convention in New Orleans April 21, 2017 to April 23, 2017.

Recently had a Western Regional Meeting by phone.

San Jose: Marilyn DeRouen made a report on the AFRAM Caucus – San Jose but the Connection was echoing and it was hard to hear.

APALA

Fresno: Bella Barela stated that ASIAN Fest is being held at Fresno City College

There will be an observance of Asian history at CSUF on April 29, 2017

Fresno APALA will be having their Asian Heritage Day at the SEIU office on May 13, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00P.M.

San Jose: no report

LATINO:

Fresno: Lorenzo Lambaren reported members did attend the Mexica New Years in San Jose as well as the Latino Caucus – San Jose César Chavez observance.

San Jose: no report

WOMEN'S: Jennifer Jensen shared about the annual Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter

Diaper drive. She also stated that the Caucus will be attending the Made4Them

Fundraising event for human trafficking and the N.A.M.I. Walk May 20, 2017

PWD: Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham reported there is an upcoming meeting.

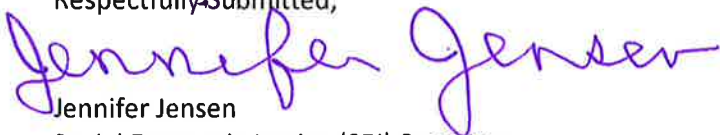
NATIVE AMERICAN: Jennifer Jensen stated the caucus has elected a new chair,

Roseann Dominguez and a new treasurer, Francis Coronado.

Chair Bonner stated that October 13, 2017 to October 15, 2017 the local wide convention will be held in San Jose. As this was the weekend scheduled for the SEJ Summit the summit will be a part of the convention.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40P.M.

Respectfully-Submitted,



Jennifer Jensen

Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Secretary