

SEIU LOCAL 521
SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. by Chair Alysia Bonner.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: welcome was extended to all in attendance.

ATTENDANCE:

Fresno: Alysia Bonner, Jerry Hunsucher (guest); Jim Avalos (guest); Joyce Arguelles, Nancy Her, Joy Hall-Villareal, Jennifer Jensen, RoseAnn Dominguez, Cecilia Tatum, Francis Coronado, Matthew Coronado (guest), Daniel Galindo (guest), Lorenzo Lambaren, Bella Barela, Solomon Barela (guest), Arvelia Cooper-Whigham, Adonis Whigham (guest), Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (auxiliary), Maria Luisa Gutierrez (auxiliary member), Janice Sumter.

San Jose: Rachel Subega, Ethel Jackson and Myrna Bravo

Phone: no one

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rachel Subega made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Seconded by Roseann Dominguez. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

OPEN FORUM:

Union Park and Workers Memorial Foundation, Inc. 2nd Annual Labor BBQ (May 20th, 2017): Jerry Hunsucher and Jim Avalos made a presentation on the Union Park and Worker Memorial Foundation -- what it is, what they hope to accomplish, and the bbq. Jennifer Jensen made a Motion to purchase 20 tickets at \$10 apiece for a total of \$200. Seconded by Bella Barela. No Discussion. Vote taken. One abstention. Motion passed as presented.

Voting: Chair Alysia Bonner reminded everyone that though everyone is welcome to attend, the only people that have voting privilege during meetings is the Chair, Co-Chair or designated representative. Chair Bonner stated that Francis Coronado is the designated representative for the Retirees.

Juneteenth Celebration: Janice Summers (phone number 559-360-5962) from the Retirees report about the Community

Juneteenth Celebration that will be held a Bud Gaston Middle School (website fresnojuneteenth.com). Festivities will start at 10:00 A.M. with a parade. On June 17, 2017 there will be a Gospel Night. Other activities include a movie night --- showing "42" the movie about Jackie Robinson.

Caucus Summit/Local Wide Convention: Chair Bonner shared that the Caucus Summit, which is traditionally held the second weekend in October this year will be the same weekend the local wide convention is being held in San Jose, October 13, 2017 through October 15, 2017. Chair Bonner explained that the two activities will be merged into one. She also asked that any pictures of any caucus activities be sent to her by July 15, 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Lambaren reported the outstanding balance as of the April 30, 2017 SEJ and Caucus Statement is \$5,111.35. There are still outstanding authorizations in the amounts of \$300, \$150 and \$50.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budgeted Item(s): no budget items at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation Requests: Ethel Jackson presented a donation request for the Kinship, Adoptive and Foster Parent Association (KAFPA) of Santa Clara County. Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham made A motion to donate \$150 to KAFPA. Seconded by Rachel Subega. No discussion. Vote taken.

Motion passed as presented.

CAUCUS REPORTS:

AFRAM

Fresno: Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham reported that 5 members of the caucus from Fresno attended the 20th Anniversary National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Two members from AFRAM – San Jose also attended. Chair Bonner also shared the Arvelia "Via" Cooper Whigham is Western Regional Vice-President as well as being in charge of fund raising.

San Jose: no report

APALA

Fresno: Bella Barela reported that Saturday, May 13, 2017 is the APALA Heritage Month Celebration from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00P.M. This is a major fund raiser. Two scholarships will be presented. Bella also reported that several of them plan on attending the APALA Heritage Month Celebration in San Jose May 20, 2017.

San Jose: no report

LATINO:

Fresno: Chair Lorenzo Lambaren reported that the caucus plans on attending the N.A.M.I. Walk on May 20, 2017 as well as the Union Park & Workers Memorial Foundation 2nd Annual BBQ the same day. He also reported that the caucus is exploring attending the National LULAC Convention in San Antonio, Texas in July, 2017. He also reported that several members attended the May 1, 2017 Workers Day March and Rally.

San Jose: Chair Rachel Subega reported there were over 200 attendees at the César Chavez event though only 173 people registered. They also hosted the Caravan Against Fear on May 11, 2017.

WOMENS: Chair Jennifer Jensen reported that the Caucus is also attending the N.A.M.I. Walk And the Union Park & Workers Memorial Foundation 2nd Annual Labor BBQ. She also Reported that 8 members will be attending the Made For Them Event which is a fund raiser to help in the battle against Human Trafficking.

PWD: Chair Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham stated that PWD has a bi- meeting coming up. She also asked that on the financial reports it be changed from PWD – San Jose to PWD-Fresno.

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS: Chair Roseann Dominguez reported that members will also be participating in the N.A.M.I. Walk as well as attend the Union Park and Workers Memorial BBQ. She also reported that planning is progress for the Native American History Month Celebration on November 18, 2017.

UNION PARK AND WORKERS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION BBQ TICKET DISTRIBUTION: tickets were distributed as follows: Alysia Bonner – 2 for Public Health and 2 for her; Joy Hall Villareal – 2; Joyce Arguelles --- 5; Roseann Dominguez -- 5 and Lorenzo Lambaren –4.

ADJOURNMENT: Jennifer Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27P.M. Seconded by Roseann Dominguez.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Jensen
Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Committee
Secretary