

SEIU LOCAL 521

SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SEJ)

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Alysia Bonner.

ATTENDANCE:

San Jose: Ether Jackson, Rachel Subega, Marilyn De Rouen, Mulissa Willete and son.
Fresno: Alysia Bonner, Jennifer Jensen, Nancy Her, Bella Barela, Solomon Barela (guest), Lorenzo Lambaren, Francis Coronado, Daniel Galindo (honorary member), and Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: minutes were reviewed. Bella Barela made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Francis seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

OPEN FORUM:

Lobby Day: Mulissa Willette addressed that there will be a Lobby Day August 23, 2017 around economic and racial justice issues. She will be providing more information as it becomes available. Alysia Bonner and Jennifer Jensen indicated that they would be attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Lorenzo Lambaren reported at as of June 30, 2017 SEJ had available \$4,871.90.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budgeted Items: none

NEW BUSINESS:

SEJ Budget: Chair Bonner reminded all of those in attendance that each caucus needs to work on their 2018 Budget and Two Year Plan.

SEJ Summit/SEIU 521 Convention October 13, 2017 – October 15, 2017 San Jose: Chair Bonner Reminded everyone that the convention this year falls on the same weekend the Caucus Summit is traditionally held. The caucuses will be given the first floor of the San Jose office for tables/displays She will be discussing with CEO Riko Mendez whether SEJ and the caucuses can send members, at the caucus's expense, as part of the caucus summit. Chair Bonner also stated that traditionally a business meeting is held the night before the summit is to begin. She will be reporting back.

Donation Request: Lorenzo Lambaren made a motion to donate \$250 towards the Mi Familia Vota Education Fund and the Bi-National Health Task Force towards the first " Central Valley Unity Run" to be held Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 7:00 A.M. – 12:00P.M. at Kearney Park in Fresno, CA. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Nancy Her made a motion for the SEJ to donate the same amount they donated last year to the APALA Jacket Drive. Seconded by Francis Coronado. Discussion: Alysia Bonner will research the size of last years donation.

Caucus Reports:

AFRAM

Fresno: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported that instead of having a separate Juneteenth

observance at the Union office, members participated in the community event held June 17, 2017.

San Jose: Marilyn DeReoun reported on the continuing activities by members in both the caucuses and in the community. She also stated that on August 26, 2017 they will be holding a Summer Blitz Membership Drive at the Union office from 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

APALA

Fresno: Bella Barela reported that APALA – Fresno will be doing a jacket drive for the winter months.

San Jose: no report

LATINO

Fresno: Lorenzo Lambaren reported that Latino Caucus is partnering with the Women's Caucus for their second SEIU Challenge: Feeding The Homeless on July 16, 2017.

San Jose: Rachel Subega reported that they attended a Ladies of Guadalupe Graduation for Disadvantaged children, went to Sacramento for Secure Choice Lobby Day, attended a Democratic Club Unity Barbeque and are part of a Rapid Response Group for I.C.E. raids.

WOMEN'S:

Jennifer Jensen stated the members are busy planning Women's Equality Day Event on August 19, 2017

PWD:

Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham reported that the caucus is getting off to a slow start but they are moving forward slowly. They do meet quarterly. The pending items are approval of the banned and t-shirts.

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS: Jennifer Jensen reported that NAIC meets on a monthly Basis. Currently they are planning their Native American History Observance November 18, 2017.

RETIREE COMMITTEE:

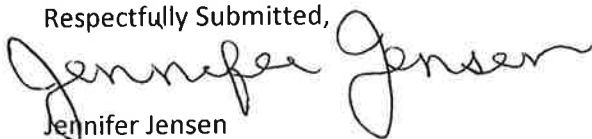
Fresno: Francis Coronado stated that the Fresno Retirees met July 5, 2017. They have Discussed having a Memorial Bench, sending 3-4 people to the CARA Convention and sending two people to the Central California Women's Caucus.

San Jose: Rachel Subega reported that the retirees in San Jose usually have 30-40 people attend their monthly meeting.

LAVENDER: Lorenzo Lambaren stated that the caucus is not active at this time but the majority of the budget will go to the AIDS Walk.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Jensen
Secretary