

SEIU LOCAL 521
SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6; 14 p.m. BY Co-Chair Arvileria Via Cooper-Whigham.

Those in attendance:

San Jose: Rachel Subega, Marilyn DeRouen, Ethel Jackson, Mullissa Willettee, Karen Nakatani and Myrna Bravo.

Fresno: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Jennifer Jensen, Joy Hall-Villareal, Sergio Garcia, Bella Barela, and Myrna Bravo. Guests: Solomon Barela, Maria Luisa Gutierrez and Rachel Garcia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was noted the following corrections to minutes: Sergio Garcia to be added to attendance in Fresno; the spelling o Rachel Subega's name; Cecilia Tatum's name needs to be corrected to Myrna Bravo under APALA/San Mateo report; and the addition of APALA – Fresno no report to caucus reports. Joy Hall-Villareal made a motion to accept the minutes with the above noted corrections. Rachel Subega seconded. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed.

OPEN FORUM: Marilyn DeRouen asked the date of the SEJ Summit. Co-Chair Cooper-Whigham explained due to scheduling conflicts with availability of the Unity Hall in Fresno office, the SEJ All Caucus Summit was rescheduled to October 15, 2016. Marilyn asked if tickets were sold for the raffles. Co-Chair Cooper-Whigham stated that the raffle tickets were not sold. She then stated that she felt that the different caucuses should put more time and money into the Baskets. A motion was made by Rachel Subega that a minimum of \$75 be spent on each basket. Seconded by Mullissa Willettee. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: not available

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGETED ITEMS: none

SEJ SUMMIT: Arvelia Cooper-Whigham stated as chair of the SEJ All Caucus Summit she is currently working on a speaker. Chair Cooper-Whigham stated that it appears that the following caucuses are active: Santa Clara/San Mateo --- AFRAM, APALA and Latino. Fresno: AFRAM, APALA Latino, Women's and Native American with possibly Lavender being able to also donate a basket. Mullissa Willettee, who is forming a Women's Caucus Chapter in the San Jose area stated that they would also donate a basket.

NEW BUSINESS

DONATION REQUESTS: none Ethel Jackson asked if each caucus could donate a minimum of \$50 to KAFA to assist in sending a foster child to camp. Stated she would send the information to Chair Bonner. Chair Cooper-Whigham explained that it is up to each caucus as to whether or not they make the donation request but the information would be sent to each Caucus chair.

CAUCUS REPORTS:

AFRAM:

Santa Clara/San Mateo: Marilyn Derouen reported AFRAM did not take part in Juneteenth Observance this year as the caucus is planning on attending the Western Regional AFRAM In Oakland in September.

Fresno: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported that the Caucus is taking a break for the Month of June and will meet on August 11, 2016.

APALA

Santa Clara/San Mateo: Karen Nakatani reported that the caucus elected officers. The caucus's May meeting was canceled due to members attending the SEIU Internal

Convention in Detroit. She also reported that due to losing several Caucus members to SEIU Local 2015 they are trying to regroup.

Fresno: no report.

LATINO

Santa Clara/San Mateo: Rachel Subega reported at the last meeting the caucus enjoyed homemade burritos for breakfast. They are working with several community groups/ Coalitions to talk to people about the importance of voting and registering people to vote.

Fresno: Jennifer Jensen reported that the caucus is currently planning their Hispanic Heritage month.

WOMEN'S: Jennifer Jensen reported that Mullissa Willettee is in the process of forming a Second chapter of the Women's Caucus in San Jose area. Jennifer also reported that the Women's Caucus is planning the Women's Equality Day event that will be held August 20, 2016.

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS: no report

LAVENDER: no report

PWD: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Bella Barela made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49P.M. Seconded by Cecilia Tatum. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. Meeting adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Jensen
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Secretary