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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Chairperson Alex Betancourt.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Chair: Alex Betancourt ; Members: Solomon Barela, Bella Barela, Joy Hall Villareal, Rosanna Dominguez; SEIU staff: Mai Thao, Political Community Organizer, and Mariam Alvarez, Internal Organizer. Absent: Secretary Jennifer Jensen.
3. **AGENDA:** Secretary Jensen was absent and no agenda was available.
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary Jensen was absent and no minutes were available.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chairperson Betancourt introduced Rosanna Dominguez as Treasurer. No report given at this time.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mission Statement – Committee Chair Hall Villareal presented members with examples of mission statements for consideration. After reviewing and discussing the examples those present decided to combine wording from some of the examples to create one. It was requested of Hall Villareal to merge the wording as discussed and present another draft to the members at their next meeting.
- Logo – Three samples of banners were presented by Chair Betancourt to members. Members looked over the samples and after discussion regarding samples a motion was made by member B Barela.

MOTION: Made by B Barela, 2nd by J Hall Villareal, to accept sample #1, decorated with an eagle and a buffalo in background, as the banner for NAIC. Motion passed .

- Logo- Continued discussion regarding adding pictures of a bow and arrow and a drum on the sides of the main drawing. Members also discussed inserting the words, "We Are All Related," on the bottom of the banner.

MOTION: Made by S Barela, 2nd by J Hall Villareal to add the wording, "We Are All Related," on the bottom of the banner. Motion passed with one abstention.

- Logo – Chair Betancourt informed the members Paula Rent had developed the samples of the banner for the Caucus and was willing to make the banner for a cost of \$165. Discussion followed with a motion by J Hall Villareal.

MOTION: Made by J Hall Villareal, 2nd by B Barela to direct the Treasurer to pay \$165 to Paula Rent for the cost of making the banner. Motion passed.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- SEIU Staff Mai Thao discussed the political platform SEIU was developing for the membership. She spoke on topics of immigration, state and nationally; immigration reform, such as Obama's executive order; the Pension Committee, what is happening with CalPERS; the "Fight For 15" Campaign rally coming up in April which will start in Fresno and then go to Oakland. She also presented samples of what information the NAIC website may hold and gave members suggestions on what and how to improve the website.

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8. OPEN FORUM:

- ✓ SEIU Staff Marian Alvarez brought up the idea of SEIU Caucuses purchasing small trees or ornamental bushes to plant in the front of SEIU. Discussion by members related to possibly doing this sometime in April, possibly for Arbor Day. No decision made at this time regarding matter.
- ✓ Bella Barela mentioned the APALA Caucus was having their Heritage Day celebration May 9, 2015. APALA is also having a bus trip to Thunder Valley Casino on March 28, 2015. A flyer regarding the bus trip to the casino was presented to members.

9. NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: March 16, 2015 at 6 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes submitted for approval by: Acting Secretary Joy Hall Villareal