

**SEIU LOCAL 521**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Betancourt at 6:02 P.M.
- II. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Betancourt extended a welcome to all present: Sergio Garcia, Maria Luis Gutierrez (guest), Joy Hall-Villareal, Bella Barela, Alex Betancourt, Jennifer Jensen and Mariam Alvarez (staff).
- III. **Secretary's Report:** minutes of August 17, 2015 were reviewed. Joy Hall-Villareal made a motion to accept minutes are presented. Seconded by Bella Barela. No discussion. Vote taken. Minutes approved as presented.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - A. Current Amount: as of August 31, 2015 SEJ And All Caucuses' Financial Statement shows NAIC had a balance of \$361.88. There is an outstanding donation of \$500.
  - B. Status of \$800 Transfer From SEJ: has not yet been made. Chair Betancourt will check.
  - C. Budget – 2016: Chair Betancourt stated that the budget is currently being developed.
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. Banner: Chair Betancourt reported that the approximate cost of the banner is \$200 plus Shipping and handling. Chair Betancourt will have more information available at the next meeting.
  - B. Central Labor Council Labor Day Breakfast (September 7, 2015): Bella Barela reported on the annual breakfast.
  - C. All Caucus Summit: Chair Betancourt reported that it had been cancelled.
  - D. Upcoming Pow Wows: Chair Alex Betancourt reported the next Pow Wow is at Tachi.
  - E. Mission Statement: the Mission statement was reviewed with a few changes as noted: line 2 should read SEIU Local 521; paragraph 2 lines one should be Native American Indian cultures; second paragraph line 2 should be changed to Native American Indians; third paragraph line one should be changed to Native American Indian; fourth paragraph line two was changed to eliminate the word the between affecting and Native and struggle was changed to struggles. Final copy will be available at the October 19, 2015meeting.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. Harvest Fest (November 14, 2014: Bella Barela made a request for a \$100 donation to purchase turkeys for the raffle at the Harvest Fest. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.
  - B. APAL Jacket Drive: tabled to October 19, 2015 meeting.
- VII. **Campaign Updates – Mai Thao:** none
- VIII. **Open Forum:**
  - A. White Sage Plant Purchases: the NAIC Caucus had approved purchasing sage plants at a previous meeting but no further action taken. Bella Barela made a motion to purchase two white Sage plants at a cost of up to \$100 to be planted at the SEIU Local 521 office at 5228 E. Pine, Fresno. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as Presented.
- IX. **Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen, Secretary