

SEIU LOCAL 521
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2015

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Alex Betancourt.

II. **WELCOME:** welcome was extended to those in attendance.

Attending: Alex Betancourt, Solomon Barela, Bella Barela, Joy Hall-Villareal, Roseann Dominguez, Jennifer Jensen and Lorenzo Lambaren.

III. **AGENDA:** as there was no written agenda is was agreed the agenda would be verbal.

IV. **MINUTES:** minutes of prior month's meeting were reviewed. Roseann stated she did not attend the February, 2015 meeting. Lorenzo Lambaren made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the correction to reflect that Roseann Dominguez was not in attendance. Seconded by Bella Barela. Discussion: no further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

V. **TREASURERS'S REPORT:** Lorenzo Lambaren stated that he wanted to clarify that he was agreeable to temporarily being Treasurer and that he is agreeable to having Roseann Dominguez taking over the duties of Treasurer. Bella Barela made a motion to have Roseann Dominguez take the position of Treasurer. Joy Hall-Villareal seconded. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Jennifer Jensen asked why the balance for the Caucus was only \$226.52 as of February 28, 2015. Lorenzo Lambaren stated that there were some expenses that were authorized in December, 2014 but weren't paid until January, 2015. Consequently, it reduced the 2015 budget. Those expenses that were paid in January, 2015 were: \$450 for logo, \$40 for meals and \$250 to Owen's Valley. Those expenses and the food for January, 2015 and February, 2015 resulted in a balance of \$226.52. Subtracting the March, 2015 food expense of \$48.13 leaves a balance of \$178.39.

Chair Betancourt stated that he was going to approach Social Economic Justice Committee (SEJ) and possibly some of the other Caucus's for financial assistance. It was estimated at \$75 per meal (9 meetings left for 2015) and \$200 estimated for banner for a total of \$875 projected expenses for the balance of 2015 but does not include expenses for Native American Heritage Month in November.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Mission Statement: Joy Hall-Villareal presented a mission statement for review. The following changes were suggested:

First Paragraph: first line should read The Native American Indian Caucus (NAIC)

Second Paragraph: second line should take out state and across the country

third line: take out tribal issues and add Native American Indians

Third Paragraph: third line: take out peoples

Fourth Paragraph: second line take out of the United States

The Mission Statement with the proposed changes will be presented at the April 20 meeting for approval.

B. Logo: will be reviewed at April 20, 2015 meeting

C. Purchasing Small Trees/Ornamental Bushes To Be Planted at Union Office: to be discussed at April 20 meeting

VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Cost of Banner: Liane will look into the cost of a banner.

B. Growing Membership: this is something that needs to be done on a continuous basis.

C. Native American History Month (November, 2015): will be forming committee to work on event.

D. Big Sandy Rancheria Pow Wow/Event (May, 2015)

VIII. **OPEN FORUM:**

A. Bella Barela mentioned the APALA Caucus will be having their Heritage Day Celebration May 9, 2015

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Jensen
NAIC Secretary

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2015
BRING AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER
PLEASE RSVP 447-2560

