

**SEIU LOCAL 521**  
**WOMEN'CAUCUS – FRESNO**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

Call To Order: the meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Jensen.

Attendance: those in attendance were: Nancy Her, Patricia Clay, Francis Coronado, Daniel Galindo (honorary member), Matthew Coronado (guest), Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (honorary member), Maria Luisa Gutierrez (honorary member), Dawn Gallegos, Lucia Sapiens, Arvelia Cooper-Whigham, Jennifer Jensen, Lorenzo Lambaren, Joy Hall-Villarreal, Felix Martinez and Diana Vasquez.

Moment Of Silence: a moment of silence was held in honor/memory of all the victims, family members, friends, community members and everyone affected by the terrorist attack on the New York bike path the prior Tuesday and the mass shooting on Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance As Of September 30, 2017: Treasurer Nancy Her provided a detailed analysis of the authorizations paid/processed from January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. The balance, Including but not yet paid: Fresno Aids Walk \$100; Susan G. Komen Race For The cure \$148; and Centro La Familia Fiesta Nights Fund Raiser \$150, \$1,722.48. Nancy reported on the SEJ All Caucus Detailed Expenses as of September 30, 2017 show two expenses paid for Women's Caucus – Visalia in the amount of \$59.46 and \$40.04 to Zen Asian Dinner. Chair Jensen will check and see if it is to come out of the Women's Caucus – Fresno Budget or the SEJ Budget.

Possible changes in 2018 Budget: Arvelia Cooper-Whigham reported, as Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Co-Chair and member of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Caucuses may be receiving more than the amount originally discussed. She shared that SEJ Chair Alysia Bonner and herself have been asking for \$2.00 per member rather than the \$1.50 per member for the total SEJ Budget. Chief Elected Officer (CEO) Riko Mendez agreed. The increase would now have to be approved by the Budget and finance committee and its next originally scheduled meeting and then the Executive Board.

Secretary's Report: tabled to next meeting.

On-Going Items:

Queen For A Day (Friday, November 10, 2017 9:00A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter): those in attendance were reminded that just for this Queen For A Day the event has been Changed from Saturday to Friday. Those that indicated they would like to attend: Nancy Her, Patricia Clay, Arvelia Cooper-Whigham; Joy Hall-Villarreal and Jennifer Jensen. Patricia shared that she does not think her niece will be cutting hair anymore as she ran in to some issues (lice) she didn't expect to encounter when cutting hair. She wanted to know if she would be able to do eyebrow waxing. Chair Jensen stated she would check.

SEIU Challenge – Feeding The Homeless (Sunday, November 19, 2017); Chair Jensen reported that the Latino Caucus was going to provide chicken, potato wedges and macaroni/potato salad to feed 100 people. The Women's Caucus agreed to provide: bottled water, forks, napkins, plates (the to-go type that is used in take-out meals) and cookies. It was hopes that enough forks, napkins and to-go containers could be purchased at this time for the event in November, 2017 and December, 2017. Lucia Sapiens made a motion for the Women's Caucus to spend up to \$150 to purchase bottled water (for 100 people) cookies (for 100 people) and napkins, forks and to-go containers (for 200 people). Seconded by Arvelia Cooper-Whigham. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously. It was agreed those participating will meet at the Union office at 1:00 P.M., load everything and proceed to the event at G and Ventura Street, Fresno. There will also be a distribution

of gently used clothing. Members of Latino/Women's Caucuses will be tabling on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 main campus to discuss the homeless clothing give away and ask for donations that will be picked up on main campus or wherever need be on November 16, 2017.

Adopting 10 Women (Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter Holiday Event): Chair Jensen explained to everyone that the Women's Caucus has been adopting 10 women from Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter for several years to provide each with a holiday gift. There is currently a budget line item for \$750. She stated that the labels/sizes for this year have been received. All 10 are size XL. Chair Jensen also explained that there are approximately 2-3 gift bags at the office that for some reason were not delivered last year. Chair Jensen stated she will look into the contents of the bags and see if they can be used for this year. The consensus was if there are gifts in the gift bags that can be used for this year that the Women's Caucus will use them but if the contents are not appropriate and the contents are clothes they will be used for the clothing give away. Chair Jensen also stated that the Latino Caucus had agreed to gather at K-Mart on Shaw/Clovis area at 5:30 P.M. to do the purchasing.

End Of The Year All Caucus End Of The Year Wrap Up Holiday Event (December 9, 2017): Lorenzo Lambaren, Chair of the Latino Caucus, addressed the Women's Caucus regarding this event. It was agreed to have a planning meeting Monday, November 13, 2017 after Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Committee meeting. Everyone was urged to attend. Caterers were discussed. Those who have a caterer in mind are to bring bids for approximately 200 people. Last year the food cost \$2,033 for approximately 150 people.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Donation Requests: Sergio Garcia, of Fresno Area substitute Teachers (FAST) requested a donation of any size for their annual glove drive for the low income children in several schools in Fresno. Dawn Gallegos made a motion to donate \$200 to the glove drive. Seconded by Lucia Sapiens. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously as presented.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:15P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen  
Chair  
Women's Caucus -- Fresno