

SEIU LOCAL 521
WOMEN'S CAUCUS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Jensen at 6:00 PM

WELCOME: welcome was extended to all of those in attendance. Those attending: Jennifer Jensen, Nancy Her, Jerry Hunsucker (guest), Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Adonis Cooper, Lucia Sapiens, Dawn Gallegos, Hilda Avita, Mary Luisa Gutierrez (guest), Raquel Garcia (guest), Sergio Garcia, Joy Hall-Villareal, Patricia Stratham-Clay and Kathy Taylor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: tabled to next meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT: minutes for March 6, 2017 were reviewed. Lucia Sapiens made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with grammatical corrections as noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Union Park BBQ (May 20, 2017 11:00A.M. – 2:00P.M.): Jerry Hunsucker, from the Union Park and Workers Memorial Foundation, presented a brief history and purpose of the Union Park and Workers Memorial Foundation as well as information regarding the second annual labor bbq on May 20, 2017. He also stated that volunteers would be greatly appreciated. A motion was made by Nancy Her to purchase 20 tickets at a price of \$10 a piece for a total of \$200 for the Union Park BBQ on May 20, 2017. Seconded by Dawn Gallegos. Discussion: Joy Hall-Villareal stated that she felt the caucus should only purchase 10 tickets and give a donation of \$100. It was pointed out whether 20 tickets are purchased or 10 tickets are purchased and \$100 donation made it is all considered as a donation to the Union Park. Vote taken: only one no vote. All **other votes were yes. Motion passed as presented.**
- B. N.A.M.I. Walk (May 20, 2017): Patricia Stratham-Clay reported that everyone is registered and t-shirt sizes submitted.
- C. Made4Them Event (May 12, 2017): the Caucus had purchased a table for 8. Those that indicated they would like to attend were: Patricia Stratham-Clay, Hilda Avita, Joy Hall-Villareal, Nancy Her, Jennifer Jensen, Dawn Gallegos, Diane Vasquez, and Francis Coronado (at previous meeting).
- D. Nail Polish: the Caucus had previously approved \$100 to replenish the supplies for Queen For A Day. After much discussion it was agreed that Nancy Her and Patricia Stratham Clay would purchase the supplies and then be reimbursed.
- E. By-Laws: a copy of the by-laws for Women's Caucus on file were presented to the members. It was agreed that each member would review the by-laws and make suggestions for changes. Chair Jensen asked if anyone had copies of their notes from past meetings when the caucus had been reviewing for changes and updates. Joy Hall-Villareal stated that she had them at home. She would make copies and provide to Chair Jensen.
- F. Diaper Drive: Chair Jensen reported that several of the other Caucus's had made donations to the diaper drive for Holy Cross Women's Day Shelter. Nancy Her stated that until this Saturday, May 6, 2017, if a person purchases a minimum of \$100 in diapers from Target they receive a \$25 gift card.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Women's Empowerment Conference (May 6, 2017 in Bakersfield): Chair Jensen shared with the Caucus that 10 tickets had been provided, at no cost, to the Caucus, for the Women's Empowerment Conference this Saturday, May 6, 2017 in Bakersfield. Those that indicated they would like to attend: Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham, Joy Hall-Villareal and

Hilda Avita. There will be others contacted about participating. Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham made a motion to spend up to \$100 for a car rental for the conference. Seconded by Nancy Her. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

- B. Increasing Membership: tabled to next meeting

OPEN FORUM:

- A. **Tower Challenge:** Dawn Gallegos explained the concept of Tower Challenge in regards to Feeding the homeless in Fresno. Dawn asked if The Women's Caucus would partner with SEIU 521 Latino Caucus --- Fresno in the next Tower Challenge at 2:00P.M. on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham made a motion to donate \$100 to purchase pizza's and water for the Tower Challenge. Nancy Her seconded. After discussion about The number of pizzas that could be purchased, Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham made a motion to amend the amount for pizzas to \$150. Seconded by Nancy Her. Vote taken. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. Those that indicated they would be helping/participating: Lucia Sapiens, Dawn Gallegos, Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham and Hilda Avita.

- B. Incentives: Sergio Garcia spoke about the AFRAM Convention he recently attended in New Orleans. He stated that they gave jackets as incentives. Chair Jensen asked if he would come up with a proposal for a future meeting regarding how the jackets could be obtained. Stated he would have it ready.

- C. Opening of Seats: Chair Jensen declared the seats of Co-Chair and Secretary open as the ones who held those seats had not attended a Women's Caucus meeting since October, 2016. Chair Jensen stated that there needs to be a 30 day time period between the Declaration of vacancies and the voting. Voting to take place at the next Women's Caucus Meeting on June 5, 2017. Chair Jensen asked if there were any nominations for the vacant seats. Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham self-nominated for co-Chair and Joy Hall-Villareal self-nominated for Secretary.

- D. Shirts: Chair Jensen shared that the t-shirts will be distributed at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy Her made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48P.M. Seconded by Arvelia "Via" Cooper-Whigham. Meeting adjourned.