

**Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, January 14, 2016
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca**

Call to Order

Time 6 pm

Introduction

Arvelia Via, Pres; Darlynn, Treasurer; Patricia S-C, member; Joy, member; Sergio, member; Samuel Molina, Mi Familia Vota; Raquel, guest; Maria, guest; Latisha James, staff

Open Forum

Fresno: Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff – N/A

Latisha James – Internal Organizer – Local elections for 521- Gwyn Harshaw won as President of 521

Samuel – community events for MLK weekend in the valley; training on voting registration will be starting this Spring

Minutes

Reading and Approval: Aug,	September	October 2015
1. Motion - Sergio	1. Motion - Joy	1. Motion - Joy
2. Second - Joy	2. 2 nd - Sergio	2. 2 nd - Patricia
3. Carried - all	3. Carried all	3. Carried – all

No meeting or minutes for December 12, 2015 – everyone just enjoyed the End-of-Year Event

Treasury Report as of 9/30/15 & 10/31/15 - Handout

Balance: Expense total - \$30

Budget Balance: - \$5500

Old Business

Budgeted items: Caucus end of Year event: gift card(s)

Report(s)

SEJ mtg

- SEJ Budget update: each caucus to receive \$5,500

Donation(s) Request(s)

- n/a
- n/a
- n/a

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – n/a
- Women's Caucus – n/a
- Latino – n/a
- Native American – pow-pow participating
- LGBT/Lavender – n/a
- Retirement – n/a

San Jose

- Latino – n/a
- AFRAM – n/a
- PWD – n/a
- Retirement – n/a

New Business

- Leadership Training – Unity Hall time is TBA
- Black History Month February 20, 2016 Theme: In Honor of African American History Month: Celebrating our Greatness.
- Juneteenth Celebration Planning - June 4, 2016 - Theme: Our Ancestor's Politics are Still Our Politics – a continuation of this year's theme.
- RSVP – for meetings and events – A Must as Enough Food is COMMON Courtesy
- Caucus Guidelines, Rules and Regulations – *Using International AFRAM*. Copies given in October 15, 2015 meeting.
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – *Ongoing discussion.*
- 2016 Budget – Planning on Sept 10th & Oct 8th, 2015. - *Handout*
- Notice of 2016 Localwide Election: Voting starts Jan 4, 2016 – Gwyn Harshaw won!
- SEJ Caucus End-of-the-year Event: Saturday, December 12, 2015 5 pm in the Unity Hall

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – March 31, 2016
- Stewardship Training – TBA
- *Photos and Tri-folds – if you have any photos from past events please bring them to next meeting or to the union office! – work in progress*
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – *LA or San Jose – Seattle, WA Feb 26-28, 2016* – Patricia Stratman-Clay & Darlynn Qualls signed up to be part of the committee in the National AFRAM Convention 2015 – AFRAM Fresno is sending them: on Thursday before the meeting as everything starts at 2 pm on Friday - hotel, meals & flight paid. Arvelia Via will be traveling on Friday as Adonis has a morning appointment that morning hopefully to get there by/before 8 pm for the dinner meeting. Arvelia will be paying for her niece's and son's travel expenses. Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport Conference Room, Friday Reg 2 pm Sunday Wraps up at 12 noon
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: work in progress
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: work in progress
- Fundraising for 2016: *planning a Dinner, Comedy & Dance for Valentine's Day TBA – 6-10 pm, discussed calling Piccadilly Inn on Shaw (2305 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, Ca 93711 (559) 348-5520) or at Smuggler's Inn (3737 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, Ca 93726 (559) 226-2200) proceeds to go to Black Infant Health Program of Public Health of Fresno Ca. - Handout or TBA*

Table to Next Meeting

- 1] Black Infant Health Program Info
- 2] Elections
- 3] Fundraisers & Guest Speakers

Adjournment Time 7 pm

Motion: Sergio; 2nd: Joy; Carried: all

Next Meeting *March 10, 2016*

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