

**Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, February 12, 2015
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca**

Call to Order

Time 6:20 pm

Introduction

Pres: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Sgt of Arms Alysia Bonner; **Members:** Darlynn Qualls, Patricia S-Clay, Patricia Waggoner, Latisha James and Mai Thao, staff; **Guests:** Belle Franklin, Gavin Simmons, Adonis Whigham, Alani Kent, Ayanna Merez, Dante Waggoner, Nahdya Waggoner and Nasir Clay.

Open Forum

Mai brought us some updates: 1 yr plan 2015-2016 – 1] Comprehensive Immigration Reform 2] Press Conference 2/17/15 @ Federal Bldg 11 am re Executive Order & license of Educational Programming w/Oliver Baines no federal money 3] COPE Committee DAPA on Political Education 2/18/15 (3rd Wed of the month) 4] Pension Committee: Bryan O'Neil of San Jose & 5] Fight for 15: Fast Food/Homecare workers are bringing it to Fresno 4/15/15 Rally Oakland

Minutes

Reading and Approval: Jan 2015

1. Motion: Patricia Strattman Clay w/a correction to Mai Thao's title:
Community Political Organizer Staff
2. Second: Darlynn Qualls
3. Carried: all

Treasury Report

Balance: \$ 9,425

Outstanding Accounts: Marjorie Mason, Susan Komen

Budget: Approved by Budget & Finance and the Executive Board & on track

Old Business

None at this time

Report(s)

Jan & Feb 2015

MLK

SEJ mtg

Black History Month

- Food = potluck style except for chicken & ice provided by AFRAM
- People for set-up and clean-up
- Program

Donation(s) Request(s)

- Youth Training Luncheon for MLK "Sacrifices from the Heart"
- CA Labor Federal, "Workforce & Economic Development (WED) Annual Conference: Building Workforce Partnerships" March 4th – 5th in Sacramento

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – _____
- Women's Caucus - _____
- Latino – _____
- Native American - _____
- LGBT - _____

San Jose

- Latino - _____
- AFRAM - _____
- PWD - _____

New Business

- Leadership Training – Saturday Feb 7, 2015 Unity Hall time is **TBA**
- Election for Local-wide AFRAM Chair - both areas are ok w/the status quo
- Bylaws to be established – TBA (March?)
- RSVP – for meetings and events -
- Caucus Guidelines, Rules and Regulations - TBA
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) - TBA
- 2015 Budget – Completed and turned in – approved at Budget Mtg Jan 21, 2015

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – March 31, 2015; **if attending April 2015 then by Feb 13, 2015**
- Stewardship Training – Have started up Jan 24, 2015, green flyer
- Photos and Tri-folds – if you have any photos from past events please bring them to next meeting or to the union office!
- Next Convention for the National AFRAM – 2015 – Detroit, MI April 17-19, 2015: sending Arvelia, Barigye, Alysia, Darlynn and Patricia Strattman Clay. AFRAM is paying for their registration, hotel & flight. These members were chosen as they have shown up for meetings, events and have paid for their annual membership dues.
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – *LA or San Jose*
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: _____
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: _____

Table to Next Meeting

- 1] Rugby & Other donations
- 2] Answers and f/u on conventions
- 3] Bus trips & other fundraisers

Adjournment

Time 7:45 pm
Motion: Patricia S
2nd: Darlynn
Carried: all carried

Next Meeting ~~March 12, 2015~~ *March 19, 2015 postponement*
Call to R.S.V.P. (559) 447-2560