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

Minutes
Reading and Approval: Jan 2015
1. Motion: Patricia Stratman 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”
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 – Match 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 Stratman 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