

**Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca**

Call to Order

Time 6:05 pm

Introduction

Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham (pres), Darlynn Qualls (treas), Joy Hall-Villareal (member), Olga Garcia (FASTA guest), Sergio Garcia (FASTA & member), Raquel Garcia (member), Maria Luisa Gutierrez (member), Patricia Strattman-Clay (member), Gavin Simmons, (member), Patricia Waggoner (member), Nahdya Waggoner (guest), Dante Waggoner (guest), Keisha Ammonds (guest), Pamela Jones (guest), Pat Bolder (guest maybe misspelled), Shontay Youngblood (guest), Camille Valentine (guest), Maya Daughtery (staff), Mariam Alvarez (staff)

Open Forum

Fresno:

Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff – not present

Latisha James/Maya Daughtery – Internal Organizer -

Black Infant Health Program – Kim Murphy contact person – 600-1030

Elections results – Hand out – nothing new

Fundraisers & Guest Speakers - Travel discounts & 99 Problemz tutoring program – Patricia S-C gave us information on travel discounts for all types from a vortex website like kaya or Travelocity; website: surge365 which will be active as of 3/20/16 and has an app; she gave us her email so that we can link up thru her – pstrattmanclay@yahoo.com. Gavin gave us info on his Tutoring service called 99 Problemz and had 6 parents gave testimonies on how great a tutor Gavin is and a great role model he is for the young 4th graders to college students to teachers. He gave a breakdown of supplies that are always in need for the students as well as the cost for services (hand-out was given out). He tutors at Figarden Library Monday-Thursday; he is looking for a mutual place that can be a regular site. Darlynn motioned that \$100 from our budgeted item NAMI \$200 for 99 Problemz for supplies, Joy 2nd this motion, there were no abstentions and the vote was unanimous carried. Darlynn motioned that Fresno AFRAM start a drive of donations of supplies from the list provided by Gavin, Joy 2nd this motion, there no abstentions and was unanimous carried. A clear box will be purchased and set in Maya's office.

Minutes

Reading and Approval: Feb 2016

- 1. Motion: Darlynn
- 2. Second: Patricia S-C
- 3. Carried: unanimous

Treasury Report

Balance: Expense total \$1300.44 WRAAC, food \$34.12, other \$
 Budget Balance: ~~\$5500~~ \$2,913.35

Old Business

Budgeted items: Caucus end of Year event: gift card(s)
Black History: report
Executive Board: report – 3/4/16-3/6/16
WRAAC 1st face-to-face: Seattle, WA 2/26-28/16 report

Report(s)

Donation(s) Request(s)

- _____
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Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – Bus Trip to Black Oak in Sonora, Ca 3/19/16 – cash due 3/11/16- I talked to Bella about AFRAM getting a 2nd bus on their Oct trip, she’s willing to help me get set up with this.
- Women’s Caucus – 4 sites for celebration of Women’s History month – I was able to attend the Main Campus one; it was short and sweet: cake, drink and info in Women’s Newsletter/Newspaper and bookmark
- Latino – n/a
- Native American – helping the disabled Veterans get a tepee
- LGBT/Lavender – n/a
- Retirement – n/a
- PWD – n/a

San Jose

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

New Business

- Leadership Training – Unity Hall time is **TBA**
- Juneteenth Celebration Planning - June 4, 2016 - Theme: Our Ancestor's Politics are Still Our Politics – a continuation of this year's theme 11 am to 2 pm. **Planning starts 4/11, 2016**
- 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.**
- 2017 Budget – Planning on May, Sept & Oct 2016.
- Notice of 2016 Delegate Election: getting petitions in ends on 3/11/16
- SEJ Caucus End-of-the-year Event: Saturday, December ?, 2016

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – **March 31, 2016 - \$20 one yr or \$40 two yrs**
- Stewardship Training – **1/28/16, 2/11/16, 2/25/16, 3/12/16 & 3/24/16**
- *Photos and Tri-folds – if you have any photos from past events please bring them to next meeting or to the union office! – **soon for display***
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – **TBA**
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: **TBA**
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: **TBA**
- Fundraising for 2016: Raffles, bus trips, tickets for future events, t-shirts Fresno & WRAAC
- Fundraising for 2017: planning a Dinner, Comedy & Dance for Valentine's Day – 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. Presale our 50/50 raffle tickets per member. Have a Silent Auction. Selling Candy bars. Have a McDonald's night. Bus trip w/APALA.

Table to Next Meeting

- 1] Adopt 99 Problemz for supply donations
- 2] Bullying at the workplace
- 3] Diversity Day – funds from all caucuses
- 4] 5k run for Health Days
- 5] Display of African items for Juneteenth

Adjournment Time: 7:51 pm

Motion: Joy

2nd: Sergio

Carried: unanimous

Next Meeting ~~April 14, 2016~~ cancelled due to Blitz – May 12, 2016

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