Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, June 4, 2016 June 9, 2016
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca

Call to Order
Time 6:19 pm

Introduction
Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, pres; Patricia Strattman-Clay, sec; Maya Daughtery, staff; Sergio Garcia, member; Maria Gutierrez, member; Joy hall-Villareal, member; Riley Tilford, member + his 2 children.

Open Forum
Fresno:
Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff – n/a
Maya Daugherty – Internal Organizer – JJC is still trying to go thru their dissert. Diversity day in September hopefully.

Black Infant Health Program – print outs from the BIH website included
Fundraisers & Guest Speakers - Travel discounts (Patricia Strattman-Clay) – website is up and running.

Minutes
Reading and Approval: March 2016 & May 2016
March   May
1. Motion Joy 1. Motion Patricia
2. Second Riley 2. Second Joy
3. Carried All 3. Carried All

Treasury Report
Balance: Expense total food $____, other $_____ balance as of 4/30/16 $2,727.79 w/o additional $1,000 added to the budget line as yet
   Budget Balance: $5500 6000 $6,500

Old Business
99 Problems donation
Joy amended her Feb motion to have the check made out to Darlynn Qualls to purchase the school supplies for 99 Problems as a donation, Patricia 2nd & carried by all.

Report(s)
Delegate Convention – Sergio said it was a great convention. Met a lot of people from all over.
Juneteenth – Arvelia, 8th Annual Juneteenth, stated that 57 people RSVP’d but 77 attended. Our theme this year is continued from last year: Our Ancestors’ Politics are Still Our Politics. Our music was provided by DJ Sound (Solomon & Bella Barela). The American Indian Veteran’s Association presented the flag salute and Invocation. We had a Face Painter: Ayanna Merez who is part of Art Is Fun; Praise Dancers: Chrystal Hale & Leona Holley; Hostess of Juneteenth: Arvelia Via; our Keynote Speaker: Maureen Moore retired Teacher & Principal of FUSD. We raffled off: 3 $10 Starbucks gift cards; 4 $25 Regal Cinema gift card; $15 Burger King gift card; $15 Wendy’s gift card; $15 Cold Stone Creamery gift card; $25 Red Lobster gift card; 2 $25 Chili’s, Macaroni Grill,
Maggiano’s & On The Border gift cards; we also did a 50/50 raffle. Total tickets purchased for the raffle was $120 and the winner of the $60 was Roger Medina. We raffled off 8 puzzles to children by them answering questions about Juneteenth History. Food provided by Anthony Cox. Dessert: cake, were provided by AFRAM. AFRAM Fresno provided the drinks: Lemonade, Fruit Punch and water; Pretzels, Fruit & Vegetable trays as appetizers.

**Donation(s) Request(s)**

**Joint Caucus Events**

**Fresno**
- APALA – Dual Casino Bus Trip 10/??/16 – cash due TBA
- Women’s Caucus – Revising their Bylaws; teleconference w/San Jose for a chapter to be developed their area. And hopefully one in Visalia
- Latino – registering citizens for voting & Hispanic Heritage in September
- Native American – Nov: Native American & Heritage event
- LGBT/Lavender – under new leadership; Gay Pride in June for Fresno Tower District
- Retirement – n/a
- PWD – still working on getting it started in Fresno and involving San Jose

**San Jose**
- Latino – registering for voting
- AFRAM – n/a
- APALA – Leadership Voting
- 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
- RSVP – for meetings and events – A Must as Enough Food is COMMON Courtesy
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – Pismo Beach, San Francisco for family and a couple of Casino Bus trips for Adults.
- 2016 Delegate Election: May 19-25, 2016 Detroit, MI

**Organizing**
- Memberships & Dues – March 31, 2016 - $20 one yr or $40 two yrs but you may still pay during the year of 2016
- Stewardship Training – Sept 10 (Merced) Modules 1 & 2, October 8th (Fresno)
  - Module 4, October 22nd (Fresno) Modules 3 & 5
- 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 – **Oakland/San Jose, Ca**
- 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 and other items for 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.*

**Table to Next Meeting**
1] Darlynn – Delegate Convention  
2] NAACP Collective Action Fund  
3]  

**Adjournment**  
Time 7:02 pm  
Motion: Joy  
2nd: Riley  
Carried: all

**Next Meeting August 11, 2016**  
**Call to R.S.V.P. (559) 447-2560**