

**Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, September 10, 2015
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca**

Call to Order

Time: 6:09pm

Introduction

Pres: Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Treasurer: Darlynn Qualls, Sgt of Arms: Alysia Bonner.
Members: Joy Hall-Villareal, Patricia Waggoner, Sergio Garcia. Staff: Mariam Alvarez. Guests:
Nahdya Waggoner, Dante Waggoner, Maria L Gutierrez.

Open Forum

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

Latisha James – Internal Organizer – N/A

Mariam Alvarez – Internal Organizer – Fresno County Chapter elections – Units: 2 (At Large, Child Support, Correctional Officers & Juvenile Corrections), 3 (Social Workers), 4 (Eligibility Workers & Job Specialists), 12 (Clerical & Technical), 22 (Professional & Technical) & 36 (Supervisory). 20,000 members lost to State union 2015. Frederick's case = nationwide court case to have members to opt-out of being a member of SEIU 521 while still being employed by the county, city, state & federal.

Minutes

Reading and Approval: April 2015

1. Motion Alysia
2. Second Patricia Waggoner
3. Carried All

Treasury Report as of 8/31/15

Balance: Expense total \$9171.28

Budget Balance: \$253.72

Old Business

Budgeted items: Women's Conference 9/22/15 (**paid**), Summit 10/10/15, Susan Komen

10/24/15 @ CSUF, Marjorie Mason 10/16/15 @ 11-2 pm

Dinner w/ GA Rep: John Lewis 8/19/15 (paid**)**

Report(s)

SEJ mtg

- SEJ Caucus Summit: **Cancelled!**

Donation(s) Request(s)

- Boys & Girls Club event – 9/12/15 6 pm: no funds available from us; will see about including this in next yr's budget

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – Jacket Drive – gently used or new please
- Women’s Caucus – Women’s conference 9/22/15, a table purchased
- Latino – Latino Leadership training 9/22-25/15 in San Juan Bautista, Ca
- Native American – pow-pow participating – banner is now hanging in the Unity Hall
- LGBT - AIDS Walk 10/17/15 – Arvelia, Joy & Patricia will be attending
- Retirement – n/a
- FASTA – glove drive for needy elementary children

San Jose

- Latino – n/a
- AFRAM – n/a
- PWD – Darlynn suggested to have one in Fresno and she would be the president and Arvelia Via will help
- Retirement – Members: Myrna in San Jose and Cecelia in Fresno

New Business

- Leadership Training – Unity Hall time is Sept 24, 2015 6 pm; Oct 22, 2015
- Black History – February 27, 2016 Theme: In Honor of African American History Month: Celebrating our Greatness continued theme from this year
- Juneteenth Celebration Planning - June 4, 2016; Theme: Our Ancestor's Politics are Still Our Politics continued theme from this year
- RSVP – for meetings and events – A Must as Enough Food is COMMON Courtesy
- Caucus Guidelines, Rules and Regulations – Using International AFRAM
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – Ongoing discussion
- 2016 Budget – Planning on Sept 10th & ~~Oct 8th, 2015~~ Oct 15th, 2015
- Notice of 2016 Localwide Election: nomination begins Monday 10/26/15 – Monday November 23, 2015
- SEJ Caucus End-of-the-year Event: TBA

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – March 31, 2016
- Stewardship Training – Have started up ~~July~~ Oct 10, 2015 (Modules 1-3) & Nov 7, 2015 (Module 4/5)
- Photos and Tri-folds – if you have any photos from past events please bring them to next meeting or to the union office! - Sept 10th! – Start working on our displays and photo albums of past photos of events
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – LA or San Jose – phone conference (TBA)
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: n/a
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: Henry Perea & Westside Church of God Pastor Paul Binion for the Westside Mental Health facility in the works and staffed by volunteers who are license/unlicensed professionals for our Black community

- Fundraising for 2016: *planning a Dinner, Comedy & Dance for Valentine's Day 2/13/16 – 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] F/U on Fundraising & Bus Trips
- 2] Pictures
- 3] Budget

Adjournment Time 7:28 pm

Motion: Alysia

2nd: Darlynn

Carried: Unanimous to adjourn

Next Meeting ~~Oct 8, 2015~~ Oct 15, 2015 *Joint meeting w/San Jose AFRAM*

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