

**Fresno AFRAM Caucus
Minutes
Dinner 5:30p – 6 p, Meeting 6p
Thursday, October 15, 2015
Unity Hall, Fresno, Ca
Polycom Conference by phone with San Jose AFRAM**

Call to Order

Time: 6:02 pm

Introduction

Fresno: Arvelia (Pres); Joy Hall-Villareal (member); Jacqueline Hampton (member); Sergio Garcia (member); Patricia Strattman-Clay (member); Maria Luisa Gutierrez (guest); Nasir Clay (guest); and Micaela Garcia (guest)

San Jose: Marilyn (Interim Pres); Patrick (member); Christine (member); Emma Davis (member); Julie (member); and Alfa (member)

Open Forum

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

Latisha James – Internal Organizer – N/A

Brenda Smith – Internal Organizer – Frederick’s case: Nationwide court case that give employers the right to Agency Shop meaning that employees don’t have to pay the unions dues but still get represented they so desire; pledge cards for COPE and participating with union activities on increasing fee payers to membership status and Blitz goals are to increase to membership measurable goal of 75-80% in region 3 and 4 (Fresno) Oct – Dec 2015.

San Jose: Emma Chief Steward: states that SEIU is doing too much political and that when 715 were the legacy local concentrated on their region and members. Marilyn: San Jose wasn’t invited to some events and meetings; members from Valley Medical Center and Santa Clara County haven’t been invited in quite some time.

Both: listened to Friedrich’s update from SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry Polycom conference call at the beginning of the meeting during dinner 5:30-6pm

Minutes

Reading and Approval: September 2015- not printed

1. Motion _____
2. Second _____
3. Carried _____

Treasury Report as of 9/30/15 - not printed

Balance: Expense total \$125.82

Budget Balance: \$125.82

Old Business

Budgeted items: Susan Komen, 10/24/15 @ CSUF 8 am – 12 pm, Marjorie Mason 10/16/15 @ 11-2 pm but will participation not monetary this year.

Report(s)

SEJ mtg

- SEJ Budget update: All caucuses should turn in their budgets for 2016 budget of SEJ of \$30,032 w/each caucus receiving \$3,000.

Donation(s) Request(s)

- Snapback for Education from Shaundonna Kelso member \$600 asked for. Members discussed that we purchase 10 of them for women which are blinged out and use them as incentives for our events next year. Motioned by Darlynn (treasurer), 2nd by Joy and unanimous by all. Sergio bought an additional purple one for his mother.
- FASTA is doing a glove drive. Fresno AFRAM had voted unanimous to donate money but our funds are short but will definitely add them into our budget for the money donation. Arvelia is asking that we individually buy some and bring to the Unity hall for Sergio.
- APALA is doing a coat drive. Fresno AFRAM had voted to unanimous to donate money but our funds are short but will definitely add them into our budget for the money donation. Arvelia is asking that we individually buy a coat and bring to the Unity Hall for Bella Barela or Cecile Tatum.
- APALA also extended an invitation to all caucuses to donate a turkey for their Harvest Fest on 11/14/15. Fresno AFRAM was to donate \$50 to them but our funds are short but we'll definitely try to budget this into our budget next year.

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – Jacket Drive & Harvest Fest: Harvest Fest 11/14/15 and jackets/coats to be received by Dec 4th to Bella Barela and Cecile Tatum
- Women's Caucus – AIDS Walk 10/17/15, Woodward Park 8 am – 12 pm
- Latino – AIDS Walk 10/17/15, Woodward Park 8 am – 12 pm
- Native American – pow-pow participating
- LGBT - AIDS Walk 10/17/15
- Retirement – n/a

San Jose

- Latino – n/a
- AFRAM – end of year activities planning
- PWD – n/a
- Retirement – n/a

New Business

- Leadership Training – Unity Hall time is Sept 24, 2015 6 pm; Oct 22, 2015
- Black History Month February 27, 2016 Theme: In Honor of African American History Month: Celebrating our Greatness. Motioned by Darlynn, 2nd by Patricia S-C & unanimous to continue w/ this year's theme to next year.
- Juneteenth Celebration Planning - June 4, 2016 - Theme: Our Ancestor's Politics are Still Our Politics – a continuation of this year's theme. Motioned by Darlynn, 2nd by Patricia S-C & unanimous to continue w/ this year's theme to next year.
- RSVP – for meetings and events – **A Must as Enough Food is COMMON Courtesy**
- Caucus Guidelines, Rules and Regulations – *Using International AFRAM*. Copies given out.
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – *Ongoing discussion.*
- 2016 Budget – Planning on Sept 10th & Oct 8th, 2015. Working on it.

- Notice of 2016 Localwide Election: nomination begins Monday 10/26/15 – Monday November 23, 2015.
- SEJ Caucus End-of-the-year Event: 12/12/15 5 pm at Unity Hall.

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – Match 31, 2016
- Stewardship Training – Have started up July 2015 – Nov 7, 2015
- *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!*
- Next Western Regional AFRAM meeting – *LA or San Jose - TBA*
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: _____
- Connecting to the Community - Contact Black churches & businesses: _____
- 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. Have the details and will fwd to the membership for discussion.*

Table to Next Meeting

- 1] Budget 2016
- 2] Fundraiser ideas
- 3] Last items to be paid out of 2015 budget

Adjournment Time 6:50 pm

Motion: Joy
 2nd: Jackie
 Carried: all

Next Meeting *Nov 12, 2015*

Call to R.S.V.P. (559) 447-2560