

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

Call to Order

Time 6:45 pm

Introduction

Arvelia Cooper-Whigham, pres; Darlynn Qualls, treasurer; Patricia Stratman- Clay, secretary; Joy Hall-Villareal, member; Adonis Whigham, member/guest; Joshua Qualls, member/guest; Lee Smith, member/guest; Sheldon Smith, guest; Kenisha Edwards (on the phone from Bakersfield), member; Sienna Sherman, member/guest; Maya Daugherty, staff.

Open Forum

Fresno:

Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff – no report

Maya Daugherty – Internal Organizer – no report

Black Infant Health Program – no report

Motion by Joy to not meet in Dec and to be considered Blackout, 2nd by Darlynn, it was unanimous yes.

Minutes

Reading and Approval: Sept no meeting, phone banked instead & Oct 2016 – to be read & approved Jan 12, 2017

Treasury Report

Balance: Expense total food \$43.29

Budget Balance: \$415.97 as of 10/31/16 ending balance \$371.97

Old Business

Report(s)

Donation(s) Request(s)

- APALA – Coat Drive: Motioned by Joy to donate \$100 so that APALA may buy coats for their coat drive, 2nd by Patricia, it was unanimous yes to transfer \$100 to APALA for their coat drive.
- FASTA – Glove Drive: Motioned by Darlynn to donate \$100 so that Sergio Garcia may purchase gloves for children, 2nd by Joy, it was unanimous yes to make a check out to Sergio Garcia.
- End of the Year Event – Gift Cards: Motioned by Patricia that we buy 5 @ \$10 for the children of our members and 2 @ \$25 gift cards for our adult members, 2nd by Darlynn, it was unanimous yes to purchases these gift cards.
- JJC – Writing Supplies: Motioned by Darlynn to purchase 100 @.57 stamped envelopes for a total of \$57 to transfer to Women’s Caucus for them to purchase the envelopes, 2nd by Patricia, it was unanimous yes.
- End of the Year Event – Gift Card: Motioned by Patricia that the remaining \$13 to be made of a Starbucks card, 2nd by Darlynn, it was unanimous yes.

Joint Caucus Events

Fresno

- APALA – Harvest Fest and turkey giveaway on Saturday 11/12/16
- 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 event - postponed
- LGBT/Lavender – under new leadership
- Retirement – trying to get meetings on a regular schedule
- PWD – started in Fresno on Wed 11/9/16 and involving San Jose

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 3, 2017 – partnering with a Community program
- 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. WRAAC written their own bylaws and now sending to the National President for approval
- Fundraising Opportunities – Bus trip(s) – **Ongoing discussion.**
- 2017 Budget – Completed on Saturday October 15, 2016
- SEJ Summit – Fresno Unity Hall Saturday, Oct 15, 2016 was a success!
- 2017 AFRAM National Convention: New Orleans, April 20-23, 2017
- SEJ Caucus End-of-the-year Event: Saturday, December 17, 2016 5:30-8:30 pm

Organizing

- Memberships & Dues – **March 31, 2017 - \$20 one yr or \$40 two yrs**
- Stewardship Training – **View website: seiu521.org**
- *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, Ca Oct 7-9, 2016 – was a success**
- Organize other chapters within the Central Valley – Kern, Kings, Tulare: **Bakersfield**
- 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: Selling of candy by Patricia and Joy.
- Fundraising for 2017: Bus trips - Jan 21st to San Francisco, Feb 18th to Gilroy Shopping District, May 20th to Allensworth and Nov 10th San Diego (TBA). All funds to be in a money order – no cash or checks.

Table to Next Meeting

1] African Museum – letter of donation or scholarship for Black History Month,
Juneteenth & Kwanzaa

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Adjournment Time 7:30 pm

Motion: Joy

2nd: Darlynn

Carried: all yes

Next Meeting *January 12, 2017*

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