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 Strattman- 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 Daughtery, staff.

Open Forum
Fresno:
Mai Thao – Community Political Organizer & Staff – no report
Maya Daughtery – 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.

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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!
- 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
   2]
   3]

Adjournment
   Time 7:30 pm
   Motion: Joy
   2nd: Darlynn
   Carried: all yes

Next Meeting
   January 12, 2017
   Call to R.S.V.P. (559) 447-2560