CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.

INTRODUCTION: those in attendance were: Lucia Sapiens, Dawn Gallegos, Jennifer Jensen, Lorenzo Lambaren, Hilda Avita, Diane Vasquez, Raquel Garcia (guest) and Maria Luisa Gutierrez (guest).

TREASURER’S REPORT: not available at this time as the new budget year began January 1, 2017. Latin Caucus - Fresno does have a budget for 2017 of $7,000.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: none available as there was no formal Latino Caucus – Fresno meeting for December, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

T-Shirts: Chair Lambaren stated that the Latino Caucus t-shirts had arrived. The consensus of those in attendance was to distribute them to active Latino Caucus members with no charge but to charge those who are not active Latino Caucus members.

A list was sent around for the sizes active members in attendance: Lorenzo Lambaren, Jennifer Jensen, Sergio Garcia, Hilda Avita, Dawn Gallegos, Lucia Sapiens, Diane Vasquez, Lorenzo Lambaren.

End-Of-The-Year Event: Lucia stated that it seemed to go well. Stated the catered food was tasty. Sergio Garcia reported that the arrangement of the tables worked out very well. Diane Vasquez reported there were a 140 people, as per sign in sheets, who attended and thirty two were SEIU 521 members. Chair Lambaren suggested moving the event off sight so as not to limit the number that can attend. Tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2017. Jennifer Jensen will reserve the date with the SEIU 521 – Fresno administrative staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Martin Luther King Breakfast – January 14, 2017: Dawn made a motion for Chair Lambaren to pay out of pocket for the cost of a table not to exceed $5 per seat to be reimbursed by Latino Caucus – Fresno. Seconded by Lucia Sapiens. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. Sign in sheet passed around for those wishing to attend.

Immigration Law Forum: Chair Lambaren reported this forum will be happening Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 9:00A.M. - 2:00 P.M. at Manchester Center. A sign in sheet was passed around for those wishing to attend.

Caesar Chavez Birthday Event – March 2017: there was much discussion on whether or not to have an event in Fresno. It was agreed not to have an art contest. Many people shared that they would like to attend the annual Caesar Chavez Birthday Event in San Jose. Chair Lambaren also shared that there are events in Visalia/Tulare area. He will check about both events before the next meeting.

Native American New Year’s – March, 2017: Jennifer Jensen reported that she has spoken to Rachel Subega, Chair of Latino Caucus – San Jose, who stated the website is usually up and information posted by the end of January or beginning of February.

Reschedule Of July 5, 2017 Meeting: Chair Lambaren shared that the July, 2017 meeting is on July 5, 2017 which is the day after the July 4, 2017 holiday. The consensus was to change the meeting date to July 12, 2017.

DONATION REQUESTS:

Tower Challenge: Dawn Gallegos requested a donation of $100 to come from Local Community
Charity Events line item for the Tower Challenge to buy water and snacks for the next distribution to the homeless. If needed the funds could be paid as an out of pocket expense. Seconded by Lucia Sapiens. Discussion: Dawn shared that this event is held the third Sunday of every month. The next one will be Sunday, January 22, 2017 at Ventura and G Street, Fresno behind Poverello House. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: a motion was made by Lucia Sapiens to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen
Latino Caucus – Fresno
Secretary