SEIU LOCAL 521
LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2017

Call To Order: the meeting was called to order by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren at 6:08 P.M.
Welcome & Introductions: welcome was extended to all in attendance.
   Attending: Lorenzo Lambaren, Dawn Gallegos, Heather Furman, Lucia Sapiens, Sergio Garcia,
   Raquel Garcia (Honorary Member) Maria Luisa Gutierrez (Honorary Member), Diane Vasquez,
   Jennifer Jensen, Henry Lopez, Francis Coronado, Matthew Coronado (guest) and Daniel Galindo
   (Honorary Member).
Treasurer’s Report:
   Financial Report: Treasurer Dawn Gallegos reported that as of the August 31, 2017 Financial
   Report there is a balance of $4,420.
   Budget—2018: Chair Lambaren reported that the Latino Caucus --- Fresno Budget for 2018 has
   been submitted to Social Economic Justice (SEJ) Committee for approval. Budget and Finance
   will then review and approval with final approval at the December 2, 2017 Executive Board
   Meeting.
Secretary’s Report: tabled
Old Business: none
New Business:
   Purchase of Canopy: a motion was made to purchase two (2) easy-up canopies for a total
   Not to exceed $250 with expense to be paid out of pocket by Lorenzo Lambaren for
   reimbursement by Dawn Gallegos. Seconded by Lucia Sapiens. Discussion: the discussion was
   that as the Caucuses are doing more and more activities that require the use of easy-up
   canopies the Latino Caucus should purchase two. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion
   passed as presented.
   Fresno Aids Walk (October 21, 2017 Woodward Park): Chair Lambaren reminded those in
   attendance of the Fresno Aids Walk. Those that indicated they would like to attend were
   Lorenzo Lambaren, Henry Lopez, Lucia Sapiens. Jennifer Jensen made a motion for the Latino
   Caucus to purchase up to eight (8) t-shirts at a cost of $20 a piece at the Aids Walk as an
   out of pocket expense to be reimbursed. Seconded by Henry Lopez. Discussion: none. Vote
   taken. Motion passed as presented.
   Joven Nobles/Barrios Unidos Dia De Los Muertos Fundraiser (October 27, 2017): a motion was
   made by Jennifer Jensen to purchase a table of eight (8) for a total up to $400 plus any
   additional service fees/processing fees associated with purchase for the 11th Annual Barrios
   Unidos Dia De Los Muertos Fundraiser October 27, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00P.M. at the
   Dante Club, 6176 N. Grantland Ave., Fresno, CA to come from the donation line. Seconded by
   Lucia Sapiens. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented. Those that
   indicated they would like to go: Lucia Sapiens, Henry Lopez, Dawn Gallegos, Sergio Garcia,
   Lorenzo Lambaren, Frances Coronado, Daniel Galindo and Heather Furman.
   Arte Americas Dia De Los Muertos Fundraiser (October 28, 2017): information was provided but
   but after discussion it was decided not to attend as a group.
   Dia De Los Muertos Alter: information was handed out on Dia De Los Muertos Alters. The
   consensus was for everyone to bring items to the November 1, 2017 meeting for the alter.
   The alter would stay up until November 1, 2017.
   All Caucus End Of The Year Wrap Up Event (December 9, 2017): there was discussion on the
   Event. A planning committee was formed. Those that indicated they would like to participate:
Lucia Sapiens, Lorenzo Lambaren, Jennifer Jensen, Heather Furman, Dawn Gallegos and Francis Coronado. No one volunteered to be chair. A meeting will be scheduled and committee members will be notified.

*Adopting Ten (10) Children From Holy Cross For The Holidays:* Chair Lambaren discussed with everyone how the Latino Caucus has done this for several years. It was agreed to continue doing so but to ask if the children can be ages 10 and under. Jennifer Jensen stated she would contact Holy Cross for information.

*Leagues of Mexican American Women Fiesta Navidena:* no information available. Tabled.

**Updates/Ongoing Items:**

*Dates For Rest of 2017:* discussed the remaining upcoming dates for the SEIU 521 Challenge: Feeding The Homeless – November 19, 2017 and December 10, 2017. There was discussion of Making these two meals special and holidayish. It was decided to discuss at next meeting.

*Dates For 2018:* the members discussed having the dates for 2018 being the third Sunday of February (18th); April (15th); June (17th); August (19th); October (15th); November (18th) and December 16th). It was agreed these dates would be appropriate.

Mi Familia Vota: Sam Molina thanks all the members for their support and help.

**Donation Requests:**

*Fresno Area Substitute Teachers (FASTA) Glove Drive:* tabled.

**Open Forum:**

*Local Updates:* Mai Thao (Community Political Organizer) updated everyone on the following: DACCA – last day to renew is October 5, 2017; a Dream Center Resource Center opened recently at Fresno Adult School Manchester Center --- stated that FUSD “safe haven” policy evolved in to the Dream Center; the Governor has signed or will sign SB54, AB450 and AB21; and the Fresno Immigration Coalition supports an office of Immigration Affairs in Fresno.

**Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen

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Secretary