SEIU LOCAL 521
LATINO CAUCUS --- FRESNO
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Lorenzo Lambaren.

ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Jensen, Joy Hall-Villareal, Lucia Sapiens, Alondra Quintra (guest), Sergio Garcia, Raquel Garcia (guest), Maria Luisa Garcia (guest), Olga Perez, Diana Vasquez Richard Streets (staff), Mai Thao (staff).

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Dawn Gallegos reported that the Latino Caucus ending balance as of February 28, 2017 was $6,840.55. Outstanding payments are $500 for the César Chavez Event in Visalia as well as food authorizations.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: the minutes for March 1, 2017 were submitted by Joy Hall-Villareal in the absence of Secretary Jennifer Jensen. A motion was made by Lucia Sapiens to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. Discussion: Chair Lambaren stated that on the motion to obtain two vans for the April 1, 2017 San Jose even should be amended to read Mixica San Jose event. Lucia Sapiens amended her motion to say: to obtain two vans for the April 1, 2017 Mixica San Jose event. Amended motion seconded by Jennifer Jensen. No further discussion. Vote taken. Amended motion passed as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:
A. N.A.M.I. Walk (May 20, 2017): Chair Lambaren stated there is a $100 line item for donation to the N.A.M.I. Walk but anyone can get pledges. Joy Hall-Villareal is team captain. She stated that everyone is registered. Those who indicated they will be attending representing Latino Caucus – Fresno are: Joy Hall-Villareal, Diane Vasquez, Lorenzo Lambaren and Sergio Garcia.

B. State Capitol Lobby Against Hate (April 3, 2017): both Sergio Garcia and Lorenzo Lambaren gave a brief report on the event.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. LuLac Conventions
1. California Convention – (May 5, 2017 – May 8, 2017 San Jose, California): Chair Lambaren asked who would be interested in attending: Lorenzo Lambaren, Lucia Sapiens and Joy Hall-Villareal indicated they would like to attend along with possibly Dawn Gallegos. It was agreed to table until future day. Chair Lambaren stated he would probably be contacting those interested by e-mail.


B. Back-Up Secretary: Chair Lambaren stated that as much as a backup secretary is appreciated, asked that minutes be processed as soon as possible.

C. May Day March and Protest (May 1, 2017 – Fresno): information was provided by Chair Lambaren May 1, 2017 March & Protest National Strike sponsored by the Central Valley Committee For Immigrants’ Rights. The march will start at 3:00 PM at Cedar/Kings Canyon then proceed to Courthouse Park for a rally at 5:00P.M. A motion was made by Jennifer Jensen and seconded by Joy Hall-Villareal to donate $100 into purchase water or items as needed for the march/rally to be taken from the Local Community Charity Events budget line... No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

D. California Immigrant Worker Rights & Defense Trainings: sponsored by the California Labor Federation and Central Labor Councils for training for all unions and Immigrant Worker Rights allies. The training will include KNOW YOUR RIGHTS; BE PREPARED; ORGANIZE AND RAPID
RESPONSE. The time is from 10:00 A.M. – 3:30P.M. at the Teamsters Local 431, 1140 W. Olive Ave., Fresno.

E. Union Park and Workers Memorial Foundation 2nd Annual Labor BBQ: Chair Lambaren reminded those in attendance that there will be tickets available for the bbq to be held Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00P.M. at Union Park. Ceremony will begin at 11:30A.M. and lunch from 12:00PM to 2:00P.M. The purpose of the bbq is to honor workers of the valley.

On-Going
A. Tower Challenge: there was a group discussion as whether to continue doing this. It was decided that the group will continue to do the event. Dates will be decided on a month to month basis. Lucia Sapiens made a motion to use $100 to supplies for the Tower Challenge which can be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses with the donation to come from Local Community Events. Seconded by Joy Hall-Villareal. No further discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Donation Request:
A. Women's Caucus – Holy Women’s Day Shelter Diaper Drive (April 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017). Jennifer Jensen asked for a donation to purchase diapers for the annual diaper drive. Joy Hall-Villareal made a motion to donation $60. Seconded by Sergio Garcia. No further vote. Motion passed as presented.

OPEN FORUM:
A. Chair Lambaren reminded everyone when a text/e-mail is sent out regarding Latino Caucus business it important to respond promptly.

ADJOURNMENT:
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM by Jennifer Jensen. Seconded by Joy Hall-Villareal. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Jensen
Latino Caucus --- Fresno
Secretary