

**SEIU LCOAL 521**  
**SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE (SEJ) COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Chair Alysia Bonner.
2. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** welcome was extended to all of those in attendance by Chair Alysia Bonner.  
Fresno: Alysia Bonner, Jennifer Jensen, Bella Barela, Solomon Barela (guest), Sergio Garcia, Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Lorenzo Lambaren. Pam Rogers (staff).  
San Jose/Santa Clara: Catherine Alexander, Ellen Rollins, Myrna Bravo, Rachel Subega.  
Telephone: Dolly Clemente.
3. **MINUTES;** minutes of the January 13, 2014 were reviewed. Sister Catherine Alexander made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sister Rachel Subega seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote taken. Minutes approved as presented.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** not available.
5. **OPEN FORUM:**
  - a. Brother Sergio Garcia of FASTA thanked SEJ for the donation for the gp0ve drive.
  - b. Sister Jennifer Jensen thanked SEJ for the purchase of the tickets for the fund raiser For MadeForThem for human trafficking. Sister Jennifer Jensen also reported on the event and about human trafficking in California.
  - c. Sister Ellen stated that she would need to leave early as her daughter was ill.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. SEJ Guidelines: Chair Alysia Bonner stated the SEJ Guidelines had never been approved by the Executive Board. Sister Ellen Rollins stated it was her belief that it had been approved by Executive Board in October, 2012. Sister Ellen stated that it had been sent to Beth Thomas.  
Upcoming Budgeted Event – Annual Cesar Chavez Commemoration: Chair Alysia Bonner stated there is \$1,000 in the SEJ Budget for this event. The consensus was \$1,000 was to be divided in half by the Latino Caucus --- San Jose and Latino --- Fresno. \$500 for each.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. SEJ Budget – New Budget & Finance and Accounting are working on guidelines for deadlines for submissions. There will be a subcommittee for these guidelines that will consist of the chairs of all caucus.
  - b. RSVP For All Meetings: Pam Rogers stressed that it is important for everyone to RSVP for all meetings so as to be sure there is enough paperwork for everyone as enough *food*.
  - c. SEJ & CAUCUS SUBMISSION TO STAFF: Meeting notifications/postcards, flyers, Programs for events/etc.: as per Pam Rogers Marcia Ramos in San Jose and Liane Mazzella in Fresno will be the liaisons in the appropriate areas. Maria Ramos will liaison for joint meetings.
  - d. Caucus Reports:
    - (1) **AFRAM**  
San Jose/Santa Clara: Sister Ellen Rollins reported that AFRAM will meet on February 1.3, 2014. AFRAM is interested in collaborating with Fresno AFRAM For their Black History Month event in Fresno Saturday February 22, 2014.  
Fresno: Sister Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham reported that Fresno AFRAM will

be meeting to firm up the caucus' plans for their Black History Month Observance on February 22, 2014 in Fresno.

**(2) LATINO**

San Jose/Santa Clara: Sister Rachel Subega reported that the caucus has been Busy in Immigration Reform Activities.

Fresno: Brother Lorenzo Lambaren reported that the Fresno Chapter is busy preparing for the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) annual César Chavez event. There is also a theme appropriate art contest as part of the same observance. The caucus is taking part in Immigration Reform as well as in voter registration. On February 23, 2014 will be attending the Japanese Latino Day of Remembrance.

**(3) APALA**

San Jose/Santa Clara: Sister Myrna Bravo reported that she has started the San Jose Labor Studies class that started February 8, 2014. She also stated on February 15, 2014 there will be nomination of officers for a March, 2014 election. Pam Rogers reported that there will be two (2) separate elections one for each chapter. Sister Myrna Bravo asked that an inventory be done so that the caucus can see what is available for incentives for the members

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**(4) Women's:** Sister Jennifer Jensen reported that the caucus did their first Holy Cross Queen for a Day for 2014 on Saturday February 1, 2014. The caucus is also busy planning for their annual Women's History Month tea.

**(5) Lavender:** no report

**(6) Native American:** no report

Sister Arvelia Via Cooper Whigham made a motion at 7:50 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sister Jennifer Jensen. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.