

LULAC COUNCIL 8003

MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of LULAC Council 8003 was called to order by President Fred Baca at 6:39pm at the Polo Sierra LULAC Hall. The opening prayer was led by President Fred Baca in the absence of the Chaplain. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: President, Fred Baca, present. Vice-president, Fred Marquez, present. Secretary-Treasurer, Frances Vasquez, present. Chaplain, Lynn Baca, absent. Parliamentarian, Danny Vasquez, present. Building Manager, Fred Baca, present. Also present were Marivel Medel, Mikki Jemi, Lisa Vasquez, Gilbert Najjar, Bea McKinney, Francis Fischer, Brianna Fischer and Jessica Salaiz.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S): Jo Lutz, Executive Director, New Mexico Health Security Act

APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP: Fermin Lopez. Motion to accept, Manuela Jenkins. Second by Lisa Vasquez. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Account, \$28.11. Mariachi Account (repurposed to Chorizo y Menudo y Mas, repurposed to New Mexico State LULAC Annual Convention 2024), \$3109.25. Raffle Account (savings account repurposed to scholarship) \$1319.82. Bingo Account, \$39.11, no change. Building Account, \$2462.37. Fred Marquez motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mikki seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

Building – Fred Baca reported that the outdoor night light is not working. The outage has been reported to PNM. Fred is pursuing information regarding epoxy usage in painting the concrete floor of the hall. The weeds on the grounds have grown.

NATIONAL LULAC – Fred Baca reported on two amendments that were passed during the annual National Convention in June in Las Vegas, Nevada. An additional position of Vice President for Veteran's Affairs has been added. It must be ratified by the end of August. Fred Marquez made the motion to approve the action. Mikki seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The national convention for 2025 has been moved from July to August. It must be ratified by the end of August. Frances Vasquez made the motion to approve the action. The motion was seconded by Bea McKinney and motion was unanimously approved.

NEW MEXICO STATE LULAC – Fred Baca reported that he continues to get compliments on the convention in May here in Silver City.

Fred Baca reported that the 2025 State LULAC convention will be held at Buffalo Thunder Resort in Santa Fe. The convention has been moved from May to June.

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Marivel will be working with Josie Marrufo on the booklet for that convention. Francis Fischer recommended/cautioned to include ALL sponsors in the printed program.

OLD BUSINESS: Mikki commented on the intended scholarship for a student who is a music major and a resident of Grant County. WNMU does not offer a major in music although Keana Huerta is currently enrolled in the WNMU School of Nursing and is also a student of music.

Bea McKinney reported on activities sponsored by the Silver City Museum. Manuela Jenkins announced and reminded all present that Renee Provencio will be the guest speaker at the monthly WILL Luncheon on August 21 -speaking on her research of racism and prejudice in Grant County.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion of a website for LULAC Council 8003. Brianna Fischer made the motion to pursue the endeavor. Della Acosta seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. It is anticipated that the cost will be \$800.00. Manuela Jenkins has pledged to pay one-half of the cost.

Patricia Cano is planning a Christmas production in December. She is requesting that LULAC Council 8003 serve as the fiscal agent. The communication mentions a non-profit. LULAC Council 8003 is not a 501C3 – we must respectfully decline to be the fiscal agent.

Jessica Salaiz reported on the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She has been busy with back to school programs including school breakfast, back packs, and meetings with school district officials.

Village Amigos representatives were unable to attend today's LULAC meeting.

The Crooked Institute was mentioned.

Ted Pressler spoke on the biannual Southwest Word Fiesta. He is recommending a specific author of a book on Hispanic life. He will get a copy of the book for LULAC Council to review in preparation for 2025.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE: The Harvest Festival in Mimbres is scheduled for October 12.

The Tamal Fiesta will host a planning committee meeting on August14, 2024.

There will be information on the Fierce Cat Women movement.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2024

ADJOURN: Motion by Brianna Fischer, second by Fred Marquez. Vote was unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez, secretary