

LULAC COUNCIL 8003
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of LULAC Council 8003 was called to order by President Fred Baca at 5:38pm at the Polo Sierra LULAC Hall. The opening prayer was led by Chaplain Renee Provencio. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: President, Fred Baca, present. Vice President, Javier Marrufo, present. Secretary-Treasurer, Frances Vasquez, present. Chaplain, Renee Provencio, present. Parliamentarian, Danny Vasquez, present. Building Manager, Fred Baca, present. Also present were Marivel Medel, Mikki Jemin, Simon Sotelo, Ted Pressler, Rudy Martinez, Della Acosta, Bea McKinney, Oly Sturdevant, Jessica Salaiz and Deb Sierra.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S): Larry Jaurequi, nephew of Greg Jaurequi, re Bataan Death March, via Zoom; Aimee Giese, daughter of Greg Jaurequi. Larry shared information regarding his family and specifically his uncle, Tio Goyo, who was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. Larry shared information regarding his quest to obtain the Congressional Gold Medal posthumously for his uncle.

APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP: None.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Sept 9, 2025) Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. Della made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jessica seconded the motion and vote was in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT (September 9, 2025). Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available for review.

REPORTS

Building – Fred Baca reported that Nathan, the grandson of long-time LULAC member and leader, Vangie Montes, will be using the LULAC Hall on Nov 2 for a birthday party. Fred Baca reported that a couple of the neighbors routinely keep an eye on the LULAC hall facility and report to Fred. Daniel Stailey who works with Juvenile Probation has supervised youth in cutting weeds on the LULAC property. Ted Pressler donated \$100 to support the upkeep of the LULAC Hall and the Grant County Democratic Party collected \$103 in donations to contribute to LULAC when they used the hall for a meeting. The building was also used by a family for fellowship after the funeral their deceased member.

National LULAC – Javier Marrufo, president of the New Mexico LULAC, reported no activity with National LULAC.

New Mexico State LULAC – Javier Marrufo, president of the New Mexico LULAC, reported that the website is being revamped. He also reported that two of the councils in New Mexico are not in compliance.

OLD BUSINESS

Awards Celebration on Sept 13 – there was an excellent turnout and lots of food.

Javi reported on the Los Perros Bravo/Brewer Hill Project. The community celebration had 55-60 attendees to kick off the group effort of collecting oral histories. Javi reported that Alex Brown, Silver City Town Manager has agreed to donate \$2000 to the project. Javi made the motion that LULAC Council 8003 will be the fiscal agent for the funds. Renee seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Javi also reported that the Silver City Museum is now collecting history of the Lower Mimbres.

Marivel Medel reported on the successful Hispanic Heritage Month observance on Sept 19 on the campus of WNMU. LULAC Council 8003 provided two \$500 scholarships to be awarded at the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Renee reported on the planned Dia de los Muertos observance on Saturday, Nov 1 at the Bayard Community Park. Dr. Gilbert Arizaga will be the guest speaker.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE

Fred Baca reported there will be a taco plate fundraiser to benefit a child of one of the deputies with the Grant County Sheriff's Office. The child needs to go to New Jersey for special treatment.

Jessica Salaiz announced the annual Christmas activities of Big Brothers Big Sisters including a Christmas party for the youth at the LULAC hall.

Javi announced a project of Community Quentos at the Bayard Public Library.

Ted Pressler shared information regarding a Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce event.

Fred Baca thanked Oly Sturdevant for tidying up the LULAC hall after the Awards Banquet.

ADJOURNMENT: Della made the motion to adjourn. Ted seconded the motion. Adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez,

Secretary