

## **LULAC COUNCIL 8003**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of LULAC Council 8003 was called to order by President Fred Baca at 5:34pm at the Polo Sierra LULAC Hall. The opening prayer was led by Marivel Medel in the absence of the Chaplain. 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, absent. Parliamentarian, Danny Vasquez, present. Building Manager, Fred Baca, present. Also present were Marivel Medel, Simon Sotelo, Rudy Martinez, Deb Sierra, Della Acosta, Mikki Jemin, and Bea McKinney.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S): Mikki Jemin introduced members of the WNMU STEM Project – Tanya Rivers and Emily Werner. They described the program. Della Acosta described her participation in the program in years past as a member of AAUW.

APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP: None.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (January 13, 2026). Copies of the minutes were available for review. Marivel made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction of the Mariachi Account balance of \$4707.29 vs the written amount of \$44707.29. Deb Sierra seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### **REPORTS**

Building – Fred Baca reported that all is running well and has been rented occasionally. Deb Sierra commented on the permanent grease stain marks on the concrete floor. There was a brief discussion regarding various floor coverings.

NATIONAL LULAC – Javier reported that there is information regarding your rights in response to ICE. There are some councils that are out of compliance.

NEW MEXICO STATE LULAC – Javier described resuming regular monthly meetings every third Wednesday via Zoom and the continued support of the website. A new council in Las Cruces is being established. There is continued efforts to obtain 501C3 status.

OLD BUSINESS – Information from Dr. Stephen Fox is that the 11<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual event Southwest Word Fiesta is exploring sources of financial support.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Marivel Medel will serve as chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Simon volunteered to be on the committee. She plans fundraising projects.

Marivel announced the Migrant Quilt Project on March 23. MEChA will participate with a dialogue of border issues. Marivel invited LULAC to support the project with a scholarship. More information will be available at the next LULAC meeting. Simon made the motion for LULAC to participate and support the event. Mikki seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### **GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE**

Simon reported on the annual Chocolate Fantasia. It will be 3 days and 23 locations. Many attendees are coming from out of town.

Ted shared that he had a mouse problem so he purchased an ozone generator to treat the problem. He is willing to loan the generator to LULAC if there is a rodent problem.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2026

ADJOURN: Marivel made the motion to adjourn. Simon seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez,

Secretary