

## **LULAC COUNCIL 8003**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 10, 2026**

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 Simon Sotelo 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, Rene Provencio, absent. Parliamentarian, Danny Vasquez, present. Building Manager, Fred Baca, present. Also present were Simon Sotelo, Mikki Jemin, Oly Sturdevant, Jessica Salaiz and Gail Langsner.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S): There were no guests in attendance.

APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP: Fred Baca made the motion to approve the application for membership for Gale Langsner. Simon Sotelo seconded the motion and vote to approve the application was unanimous in favor of the motion. Javier Marrufo made the motion to approve the membership application for Ana Trinidad. Mikki seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (February 10, 2026): Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. Mikki made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction of the spelling of the name of visitor Emily Warner. Simon Sotelo seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available for review.

#### **REPORTS**

Building: Fred Baca reported the New Mexico Environment Dept conducted the annual inspection of the LULAC Hall. There were no citations; however, we need a certified Food Manager. Javi intends to take the training and get certified. The Grant County Democratic Party has been using the LULAC Hall each month for scheduled meetings.

NATIONAL LULAC: Javi reported that annual due date for membership dues has been extended until March 31, 2026.

NEW MEXICO STATE LULAC: Javi reported that the New Mexico State LULAC continues to build a new website and has purchased a domain. Javi also reported that a new LULAC Council in Las Cruces is being established. The annual LULAC State Convention will be in June at Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, jointly hosted by the Alamogordo and Las Cruces LULAC Councils.

OLD BUSINESS: There was positive comments regarding the social meal on February 24. We will again share a meal two weeks from the regularly scheduled meeting which will be March 24 at 5:30pm. There was discussion of perhaps scheduling a Saturday morning chorizo breakfast.

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Mikki reported on the STEM Project. A grant for \$10,000 has been received. It will be used to support science kits and equipment. Marivel will help with marketing. It is planned that the project will focus on middle school students and incorporate art. The project is not limited to female students only.

## NEW BUSINESS

Javi reported for Marivel regarding the Migrant Quilt Project on Monday, March 23 at the WNMU Museum. Javi made a motion that LULAC provide two scholarships to be awarded to two WNMU students at the event, \$500 each, Mikki seconded the motion and vote was unanimous to approve the motion. Oly will join the Scholarship Committee.

Javi and Oly reported on the planned project to organize the kitchen at the Polo Sierra LULAC hall. Fred Baca appointed Javier Marrufo, Marivel Medel and Oly Sturdevant to an ad hoc committee for the project. They presented a list of items to stock the kitchen. Oly explained that each item will be labelled and inventory will be conducted annually.

## GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE

Oly Sturdevant shared that she brought some cards for members to sign which will be sent to some members who might be dealing with health or other issues – to greet them with good wishes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2026.

Fred Baca reminded us that election of leadership is on the agenda for the April monthly meeting.

ADJOURN: Mikki made the motion to adjourn. Jessica seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez,

Treasurer