

## **Fuerzas Unidas Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **May 8, 2023**

**Welcome** and meeting opened by Chair Estrada-Bustillo.

**Treasurer's Report** given by Treasurer Felice Garcia. She highlighted the location of our dues/donation button on our website. She informed membership of the opportunity to donate to fund scholarships for membership dues. Dues are \$25/year.

**Elections**-Voting by acclamation occurred by all voting members present at the meeting. Voting was unanimous for all nominees. Congratulations to Vice Chair Metro (Melissa Toledo-Ontiveros), Secretary (Christina Serna), Northwestern Rural Rep (Loyda Martinez), and Southwestern Rural Rep (Christina "Christy" Trejo-Montes).

**2-Year Strategic Plan**- Vicky went over the finalized plan highlights. She also introduced the work plan that all leadership team members will be working on for the next three months. They will be regularly presenting their progress at the membership meetings.

**SCC Meeting recap**- Held in Albuquerque, approximately 300 people attended, many caucus representatives gave reports. Secretary Christina gave the report for Fuerzas Unidas at this meeting.

#### **Presenters-Newly Elected County Chairs:**

Marisol Enriquez, Bernalillo County-was Vice Chair previously, born in Santa Fe, raised in Dona Ana County, has lived in Bernalillo County since 1997. Spoke of Name Identity, Hispanics responsible for speaking up for others regarding name pronunciations as this is our identity. This is one way to live our values and to be represented.

Brianna Martinez, Otero County-Spoke of being young (21 years old) and the difficulty associated with that. She spoke of being proud of getting the following committees formed in her county; Education, Racial Justice, and LGBTQ+

Estella Hernandez, Dona Ana County-Born and raised in Las Cruces, NMSU graduate, owns business Renovate that provides coaching and counseling, she coaches entrepreneurs in campaign management for those running for office, is an Emerge graduate, ran campaign for Gabe Vasquez, lobbyist for ACLU, NM Coalition, Sexual Assault protections along with several other topics. What does inclusivity look like in Dona Ana County, for LGBTQ+?

Lisa Vigil, San Miguel County-Was vice chair previously, is currently a school nurse in Pecos. Feels it is important to get our young people involved however we can, and feels strongly about the importance of getting the vote out and how she can work to do that.

Christina (Christy) Trejo-Montes, Luna County-Goals are to work together to get Hispanics out to vote, get Gabe Vasquez elected in Luna County, having fundraisers for her area, and keeping her Democratic Headquarters. She invited all to their meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month.

#### **Question asked by member:**

*How are you working with Christian Rights Hispanics?*

-Share factual data from Planned Parenthood; Respect and honor other's views (Marisol Enriquez)

-Hold others accountable for misinformation (ie. Pictures with prices for baby parts) (Christy Trejo-Montes)

Blue CD2 NM – Marty Burt informed about this organization

-Group that uses messaging and data to reach people

-Offers to help with goals

-Trainings

-Website shows what Democrats have done for New Mexico

-Anyone needing their services please let them know

Next Meeting: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm