



**Mayor's Multicultural Council of Stamford**  
**Mayor's Conference Room – 10th Floor**  
**Government Center, 888 Washington Blvd.**  
**Stamford, CT 06901**

**March 25, 2019**

**Our Mission:**

To inform, celebrate, promote, understand, appreciate and respect the many diverse cultures that enrich Stamford

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Roberto Figueroa, Marty Levine, Nino Antonelli, Sandra Barrett, Meera Banta, James Hinton, Deborah Goldberg (Conference call) and Ana Gallegos. Vice Chair Roberto Figueroa called this meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

**Welcome**

Vice Chair Roberto Figueroa welcomed MMC members and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked MMC members to take a few minutes to review and approve the minutes from February 25, 2019. Nino Antonelli made the motion to approve the minutes; Sandra Barrett seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Projects:**

**Open MIC Competition final Report:** Ana reported that Jeré had sent the final budget for the event in the amount of \$396.56. In addition, the two unused gift cards totaling \$100.00 (\$75.00 and \$25.00) were returned to MMC Chair Eva Weller, she asked the MMC secretary to keep it to be used for future MMC events.

**Art Festival:** Ana spoke on behalf of Beatrice, stating that the Festival committee had a meeting on March 4. Ana reported that:

- The Art Festival will take place on June 9, 2019 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the Café at the Government Center.
- Formal invitation letters will be sent, through the Secretary, to those who participated last year, such as: dance groups (different from the Children's Parade), winners of the Open MIC Competition, singers and four artists/painters.
- This year, participants will be asked to provide their own special equipment required for their performance. Roberto will find information about wood which dancers use during their Presentation. Marty will check if there is a place to store it.
- Water and light snacks will be provided to the public and participants.
- Certificates of Participation will be requested of the Mayor's office.
- James contacted the DJ for availability and price.
- Ana and Nino will check design and printing donations for flyer and programs.
- This year we won't have crafts tables, in order to maximize space.
- The budget will be \$1,000.

Ana said that a written proposal will be presented for MMC approval at the next meeting.

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**Jazz Festival:** Ana stated that the written budget requested at the last meeting was submitted to the MMC prior to this meeting.

- The event will take place on May 5, 2019 at the Unitarian Universalist Society from 2:00 to 4:30pm.
- The proposed budget is \$2,425 for the Jazz Festival.
- Potential musical groups/ Individual participants: Barbara Espinosa Occhino, Stamford HS Band, Westhill HS Band, Silvia Mims Goncalves, Josh Satte, Tony Truglia, Jimmy Greene, Michael Nunzianta and Maria Tiscia.
- Advertising will be done through postcards, and directed to Facebook, also via a press release, religious organizations, community groups and organizations, Interfaith Council, MMC network, and musicians may invite their friends.

### **New Business**

Marty Levine stated the next meeting will include the election of new officers. He encouraged all members, especially those interested in serving, to attend this meeting.

### **Open Discussion:**

Deborah announced and invited the MMC to an event presented by Temple Beth El: "Immigration: Separating Fact from Fiction" on Sunday, March 31 from 9:30 to 11:00am. She will send the invitation to the MMC secretary to be shared with the MMC.

Ana issued an invitation to Bingo, organized by the Ecuadorian Civic Committee, scheduled on Saturday, April 6th from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the First United Methodist Church.

The Secretary informed members that she had posted some invitations and information received from the Mayor's office to the MMC Facebook page. She invited MMC members who have Facebook to please "Like" the posts in order to keep the page more active. There was also request to send the posts and other information by email to MMC members.

**Next Meeting:** April 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Government Center 10<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Submitted by:

Ana Gallegos  
Secretary