

Mayor's Multicultural Council

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the MMC was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on October 27, 2014 on the 10th floor conference room located at 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT by: Jere Eaton.

Members Present (BOLDED): Nino Antonelli, Meera Banta, Sandra Barrett, Goiton Bellete, Jere Eaton, Arbis Faustin, Robert Figueroa, Jeanne Franklin, Deborah Goldberg, Jenefeness Houston, Paul Isla, John Leydon, John Mallozzi, Shelly Nichani, Eva Padilla, Pilar Pelaez, Mayra Rios, Galdino Velasco, Eva Weller

Guest:

Marty Levine,

Quentin Phipps, Community Relations Manager for Stamford Charter School for Excellence

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for September 22, 2014 were approved and accepted

Chairperson's Report and Old Business:

Children's Parade and International Day Recap – appreciate all the volunteers and support for the event, event was a success but competed with a lot of other events, will secure date earlier next time preferably in January

House of Worship Visits – synagogue visit will be rescheduled, not sure of event in November, there is an opportunity to possibly start it in January and skip the remainder of the year, Jere will work with Debbie to get the list together

Development of Multicultural Calendar – Jere will create a calendar and facebook fan page

Mission Statement / Guidelines / Roles and Expectations - draft developed by Jeanne –

It is the Mission of the Mayors Multicultural Council of the City of Stamford in Connecticut to inform, celebrate and promote understanding, appreciation and respect of the rich diversity of the many cultural groups that enrich the City of Stamford. The Council is to be made up of representatives of these cultures, ethnicities and nationalities and are appointed by the Mayor of Stamford as their representatives. By-laws are being developed off-line and will be established prior to the next meeting

New Business:

Sister Cities Update – there is no update from Marty Levine; there is a slight level of interest from China; there is a question about its relevance because there is already a successful exchange with Chaudang. Marty will provide the files to Nino to establish guidelines. There is an Indian Ambassador, a few Mexico and several from Italy who are interested. Nino will follow up and determine direction for the sub-committee. Largest new arrivals are Indians. Need to identify a community that will be involved.

Team Building Retreat – January meeting will be dedicated to a retreat for MMC
Holiday Celebration; December 10, 2014 - Villa Italia; Shelley will work to make plans.

Open Discussion:

Next month's meeting: November 24, 2014

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7: p.m.