

Mayor's Multicultural Council

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the MMC was called to order at 6:14 p.m. on December 10, 2014 at the Hampton Inn Hotel located at 333 Mill River Road in 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:

Jack Goldberg (spouse)

Approval of Minutes: Revised Minutes for November 24, 2014 were approved and accepted.

Old Business:

- Apology for discord in last minute
- Bylaws needs to be developed. They need to be simplistic. Jeanne will work on it and make it possibly 3 – 6 pages. They will be crafted before our January meeting.
- Team Building and Organizational Development Retreat will be held February 23 from 6 – 9 at Hampton Inn. Food and beverages will be provided.
- All About Education Day is February 28, 2015; Meera Banta will be the MMC coordinator.

New Business:

- Election of Parliamentarian; The council nominated Nino Antonelli.
- Ferguson Library MLK and Black History Month Program will be published on the website and sent out via email. Council supports this mission.
- Civilian Encounters With Safety Officers; Jere will reach out to John Leydon to head up the effort

Open Discussion:

- 12/11 - Christmas Tree Lighting & Carols hosted by Mayor Martin in the SGC 2:45pm
- 12/11 - Candle Light Vigil at the Ferguson Library 5:30pm - <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/stamford-vigil-of-hope-tickets-14453740527?aff=es2&rank=10>
- 12/14 - House of Worship - St. Benedict located at 1 Saint Benedict Circle 10am - <http://www.parishesonline.com/scripts/HostedSites/Org.asp?ID=2653>
- 12/14 - Intake - Taking on the Holidays! at 3pm (see attached)
- 12/18 - Hanukkah Celebration with Mayor Martin at SGC 4pm
- 12/30 - Kwanzaa Celebration hosted by Mayor Martin SGC 2:30pm
- 1/9 - SELMA Movie Screening and Fundraiser (see attached)
- 01/11 - House of Worship - Unitarian Church at 20 Forest Street 10am - <http://www.uustamford.org/>
- 02/08 - House of Worship - Bethany Assembly of God Church at 2 Scofieldtown Road 9am - <http://www.bethanystamford.com/>
- 02/28 - Stamford Citywide All About Education Day Stamford Innovation Center 11am to 5pm
- 2015 HACGS Hispanic Health Fair - has been set for Saturday, October 3, 2015
- 2015 Children's Parade – date to be scheduled; possibly September 20 and back up is September 27

Next month's meeting: January 26, 2015

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.