

Mayor's Multicultural Council
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the MMCC was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on January 27, 2014 on the 10th floor conference room located at 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT by: Nino Antonelli.

Present: Jeanne Franklin, Goitom Beuete, Alex Martinez, Galdino Velasco, Mayra Rios, John Mallozzi, Jesus Bravo, Arbis Faustin, Meera Banta, John Leydon, Jr, Sebastian D'Acunto, Jere Eaton, Rolita James, Ramon Bentley, Eva Padilla, Pilar Pelaez and Sandra Barrett. **Excused** – Debbie Goldberg

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Chairman's Report:

- Eva Weller (Stone Soup) to reconnect and join
- Mayor to appoint new chair person
- Recap of all activities which took place in Stamford for 2013

Old Business:

- Flags – meeting with Mill River team to get pricing of flag arms. (We will not use the holding of the banner arms currently in place).
- Bridge solution is an option if Mill River is not in harmony with us
- Children's Parade meeting on 2/18/14 @ 5:30 to discuss areas of success and improvement for the last event, in preparation for the next
- Sister City – Lima, Peru still wants to invite our Mayor to discuss five items (see attached report)
- The Bridges project – Ramon/Rolita – utilize strength of young people; document life on I-phone; 3 month process, bringing to West Hill High School

New Business:

- My Neighbor's Faith – Rolita – MMCC to formulate and invite speakers; event should be multi-cultural and in a round table format; to be held at the Library
- University of Mexico – Galdino – looking to incorporate and have a branch in Stamford. Students from 117 countries; waiting on Mayor's input
- Invitation – John Mallozzi – Italy dancers wants to come back to Stamford on or around October; suggestion to have an International Festival Day

Other events:

- Ramon – hair program – placing students in hair salon as a mother/daughter event - more information to follow
- Chinese Festival – 2/7/14 @ 11:00 – Senior Center
- Passion and MMCC to join forces in offering Debt Repair and Investment

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

