

Mayor's Multicultural Council
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the MMCC was called to order at 6:37 p.m. on March 24, 2014 on the 10th floor conference room located at 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT by: Nino Antonelli.

Present: Jeanne Franklin, Goitom Beuete, Galdino Velasco, Debbie Goldberg, Mayra Rios, Jesus Bravo, Jere Eaton, Rolita James, Ramon Bentley, Eva Padilla, Paul Isla, Pilar Pelaez and Sandra Barrett.

Excused – Shelly Nochani

Guest – Marty Levine

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for March 3, 2014 was approved and accepted

Chairman's Report:

- Mayor will name the next Chairperson at the next meeting

Old Business:

- Flags: Paul – summary of inception reviewed; and expected plans going forward
- Bridges project: Ramon – changes to family format; students from working class families in elite programs
- My Neighbors Faith: Rolita – set for May 4, 2014
- International restaurant week – update from Shelly to follow
- Children's Parade: Mayra – reconvene the parade committee for further planning. Pilar to invite a guest for their input
- Visitation – first visit to each other's churches will be May 17, 2014 at the North Stamford SDA Church located at 2136 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06903. Contact – Sandra Barrett, 203-249-3903

New Business:

- Bridges project – Youth activism instead of video format (to get thought process); learning more about each other
- Mentor project kick off – March 31, 2014, family engagement and professional development
- My Neighbors Faith – younger leader participants; interactions with guests, several round tables; gifts (favors that make up another persons faith), one minute of music to be played; committee to finalize the final program
- International restaurant week – suggested to have this event before or after the Downtown Restaurant Week

Other events:

- Paul – Pancake breakfast – April 5, 2014 – Boys and Girls Club from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Debbie – Holocaust Remembrance Day – April 27, 2014 – Seder to present with symbols of what people actually experience
- Eva – Neighbors Link – May 7, 2012 – Stamford spring benefit breakfast at the Stamford Marriott from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Board members – Church visitation – North Stamford SDA Church, May 17, 2014

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.