

Mayor's Multicultural Council
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the MMCC was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on April 29, 2014 on the 10th floor conference room located at 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT by: Nino Antonelli.

Present: Jeanne Franklin, Goitom Beuete, Galdino Velasco, Shelly Nochani, Jesus Bravo, Jere Eaton, Rolita James, Eva Padilla, Paul Isla, Robert Figueroa, John Mallozzi, Arbis Faustin, Meera Banta, John Leydan and Sandra Barrett.

Excused – Debbie Goldberg, Mayra Rios, Ramon Bentley

Guest – Marty Levine, Alex Virgo, Yolanda Plazas, Eva-Eastside Partnership

Administrative: Marty Levine, representing the Mayor – thanked Nino, former chair, who is now titled Chairman Emeritus. Jere Eaton was introduced as new chair person for the Mayor's Multicultural Council. Marty also stated the chair position will be rotated more often.

Acceptance by Jere – goal, "To do what Nino did and take it to the next level."
Continuation of pipeline and adding on more multicultural pipeline.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for March 24, 2014 was approved and accepted

Chairman's Report:

- One event this month – Temple Sinai – Annual Remembrance Day – Holocaust

Old Business:

- Flags: Paul – Milton to meet with team next month and to include Nia in the meeting
- Bridges project: Rolita for Ramon – next meeting video to be shown
- My Neighbors Faith: Rolita – date to be changed to June (committee members – Rolita, Jeanne, Meera, Nino, Jere and Eva)
- International restaurant week: Shelly – logistics to be finalized
- Children's Parade: John and Nino for Mayra – Safety for children first; date to be secured with school board by May; location to also be secured
- Visitation – five bullet points to be listed and sent to members regarding Church for a better understanding of visitation

New Business:

- The Gate Keepers – premier for MMCC as a fundraising event (Jules, and Adam from the Avon Theater to be contacted). Event for this summer – date to be confirmed
- International restaurant week – culminate with Children's Parade and International Folks Festival. Concept to be finalized

- **Nominees for officers:**
 - * **Vice Chair – Jeanne Franklin, Rolita James, Ramon Bentley**
 - * **Treasurer – Meera Banta**
 - * **Secretary – Mayra Rios**

Other events:

- Paul – deadline for three \$5000 scholarship to high school students – April 30, 2014
- Jeanne – citizen of the year dinner – Tim Curtin, May 8, 2014
- Alex Virgo – Kidsdrawfree.com, program to let kids draw at Kiwanis Park – kids are rewarded after – every Saturday starting May 17, 2014
- Sandra – Church visitation starts May 17 at the North Stamford SDA location
- Rolita – Stemfest, science through numbers and song. Debt repair – college age through age 31
- Faustin – Haitian Flag Day – May 18, 2014; event on May 17 at the Southend library
- Shelly – Indian annual dinner at the Italian Center 6:00p.m – June 7, 2014
- Jesus – Folklore group from NJ July 20, 2014
- Eva – Neighbors Link – May 7, 2014 – Stamford spring benefit breakfast at the Stamford Marriott from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Eva – Eastside Partnership – planning a boat ride, more information to follow

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.