



**Mayor's Multicultural Council of Stamford  
Mayor's Conference Room – 10th Floor  
Government Center, 888 Washington Blvd,  
Stamford, CT 06901  
February 27, 2017**

**Our Mission:**

To inform, celebrate, promote,  
understand, appreciate, and respect  
the many diverse cultures that enrich Stamford

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Pilar Pelaez, Roberto Figueroa, Eva Weller, Eva Padilla, Leila Montier, Sandra Barrett, Beatrice Chodosh and Ana Gallegos.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pilar Pelaez at 6:13 p.m.

**Welcome**

Chair Pelaez welcomed members and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**Joseph W. Nunn Scholarship Foundation**

Pilar welcomed and introduced Myrtle Nunn, Chair of the *Joseph W. Nunn Scholarship Foundation*. Mrs. Nunn thanked the Council for giving her the opportunity to share information about the scholarship that was established to honor her son's legacy. She stated that Joseph Nunn died in a car accident in 2002. He was an extraordinary athlete, leader and volunteer in the Stamford community.

The JWNSF mission is to inspire, encourage and support Stamford students and adults in their pursuit of college, and vocational education and projects that benefit our community. She added the JWNFS has a diverse board that shares the same goal of giving back to our community.

The JWNFS looks for students that work hard and although they are not getting top grades, they are seeking educational and training opportunities. Funds are made possible thanks to generous supporters. There are four categories of awards listed below:

Category A: One Stamford High School Scholar athlete - \$5,000

Category B: Two High School students - \$2,000 each

Category C: One adult in the workforce returning to further high education - \$1,500

Category D: One Grant for projects benefiting the Stamford community - \$1,500

Mrs. Nunn provided application forms which must be returned postmarked by April 29, 2017. She is a graduate from Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI). Mrs. Nunn said that thanks to PLTI she learned how the system works, and it gave her the courage to start the foundation.

Pilar mentioned that Matt Quinones was not able to attend today.

**Review January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed, Eva Padilla made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Eva Weller. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Project Updates:**

**\* Children's Day Parade & International Festival 2017**

Pilar noted that the committee of Leila, Eva Padilla, Hayate, Nino, Roberto, Pilar and Ana was unable to meet, and will bring information to the next meeting.

**\* Multicultural Art Event**

Pilar said that this event would present artists from different parts of the world. The venue would be the Old Town Hall and it will take place in June. She will have more information.

**\* Restaurant Week**

Pilar said Nino Antonelli will provide information for discussion at the next meeting. Eva Padilla suggested limiting this to restaurants in each area, with have a special menu and price. The MMCS was reminded that it can't receive monetary donations as sponsorships or fees for events.

**New Business**

Pilar shared information about the Holi Festival event on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Mill River Park, co-sponsored by the MMCS. Shelly will send the flyer.

Pilar shared information sent by Jeré about the DAS and SBA Resource Night in Stamford—Pilar said she suggested that Jeré bring a proposal to the meeting to be approved by the whole group.

**\* Open Discussion:**

Pilar remind the group about the “International Womens Day Celebration” “Women and Art” event, on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Ferguson Library. The MMCS will co-sponsor this event organized by Crisol Acuarela, Art and Culture and Grupo Quetzal.

Beatrice said the event at the Mosque Islamic Center ICCNY-Stamford on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. was a nice occasion. Many of the MMCS members were presented; Hayate mentioned her husband attended, and everyone was very happy to see Mayor Martin.

Beatrice asked what else the MMCS is doing about problems around the city. Pilar said the MMCS attended an Interfaith Council event last year at Stamford High, noting the Interfaith Council has good events, so the MMCS should talk to them about their future schedule and plans. She added that Beatrice may also present ideas to the Council for approval.

Hayat said she encourages others to follow the motto: “let us act the good way we are”.

Eva Padilla and Beatice Chodosh contributed \$15 each one for the Starfish Foundation.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at the Government Center on March 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ana Gallegos, Secretary