

Mayor's Multicultural Council of Stamford Committee Meeting held virtually

Summary April 24, 2023

Attendance and quorum check:

Members attending the meeting: Shobhna Bhatnagar, Sandra Jean Barrett, Deborah Goldberg, Yelena Klompus, Sonal Patel, Pilar Pelaez, Malinda Polite, Ajmal Qureshi and Ana Gallegos.

Stamford Day 2023 event co-chairs, Shobhna Bhatnagar and Ana Gallegos, remind the council that this meeting is to share updates for the event.

- **1.** Shobhna reported that she had communicated with James Hinton regarding prices for the tables and chairs. She was told that he will share the information as soon as it is available.
- **2.** Since we talked about buying gift certificates from the Ferguson Library instead of from Barnes & Noble, we are planning to buy 13 (each costing \$15). The idea is to encourage children's reading.
- 3. We will buy the same number of supplies for the quilt and passport activities as we did last year.
- **4.** Ana said that Eva Weller contacted Shelly Nichani who generously agreed to donate the items for the goodie bags. We still need to confirm the numbers of each. It was suggested to get together to prepare the goodie bags on Friday, May 19 at 6:00 or as plan B on Saturday 20th. We'll ask Eva to make this request of Shelly.
- **5.** Flyers were posted in the social media and sent to organizations.
- 7. Invitations to community organizations have been sent and most of them have responded. Some are not coming because they will be participating at the Early Childhood Fair of SC2C on May 20th. Pilar asked about the invitation to Latino Foundation. Ana showed on the screen that invitation was send on Monday, March 27.
- **8.** We received confirmation from Dance groups: India, Ukraine, Perú, Poland, Guatemala. We are still waiting confirmation from Greece, Albania and Ireland. Ana will reach out to them next week.
- 9. Each MMC Member will coordinate one area with a group of volunteers:

Peter Dao: SET UP AND CLEAN UP - All MMC & volunteers:

Sonal Patel: VOLUNTEERS

Hayate Jandar - Eva Padilla? REGISTRATION

Shobhna Bhatnagar: QUILT ACTIVITY

Ana Gallegos: COMMUNITY/AGENCIES TABLES **Yelena Klompus:** DANCE GROUPS and Singers

Malinda Polite: ARTISTS/SINGERS

Pilar Pelaez: FOOD TRUCKS, coffee, and donuts

Announcements:

Malinda said that she doesn't have updates for the Fashion Show. She will talk with James and people from the mall. This meeting was called to talk about Stamford Day!

Deborah Goldberg shared that on Wednesday April 26, at noon there will be a ceremony of Israel Independence Day. She will share information with the council.

Submitted by:

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