



Mayor's Multicultural Council of Stamford
Meeting held in person at the Hampton Inn

MINUTES
June 28, 2021

Attendance and quorum check:

Members attending the meeting: Eva Weller, Corey Paris, Shobhna Bhatnagar, Eva Padilla, Malinda Polite Deborah Goldberg (by phone) and Ana Gallegos.

Eva Weller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Welcome:

Eva welcomed MMC members and thanked everyone for attending this meeting in person. It was decided during our last meeting to hold a holiday/social gathering to reconnect in person after a long period of meeting through zoom. She introduced Peter Dao, Interim Chair. Board of the Chinese School of Fairfield County as our guest.

May 24, 2021, Minutes:

Eva, as Chair, asked members to review and approve the minutes from the May 24th, meeting. Eva Padilla made the motion to approve the minutes. Corey Paris seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Shobhna Bhatnagar, as Treasurer presented the following updated report of the budget.

Approved Budget 2020-2021	\$9000
Programs/Initiatives	Actual Expense
Marc Us for Change: \$250.00	\$250.00
Afternoon of Jazz: \$5,000.00	\$3,534.74
Stamford Day	\$2,194.39
162 caps and 12 sweatshirts: \$1,600	\$1,600.68
Juneteenth – MMC cosponsor	\$600.00
Total expense	\$8,179.81
Amount remaining	\$820.19

Shobhna said that the live streamed jazz event was well planned and received. The first Stamford Day sponsored by MMC was successful and well attended. Also, in preparation for future events the MMC purchased caps and sweatshirts.

Eva asked if there were any expenses still pending, if so, the report will be amended accordingly. Eva added that although there were many challenges with the Covid -19 pandemic and its requirements for safety precautions, MMC did well this year with our programs, projects and partnering and supporting other programs and organizations. We can be proud of all that was accomplished. She reported that three estimates were submitted to the Mayor's Office for approval for the acquisition of the caps and sweatshirts. She thanked Ana for coordinating this purchase and for picking up the products from White Plains. Eva also thanked Shobhna, Ana and Pilar for volunteering at the event on Juneteenth, which the MMC co-sponsored.

New Business:

Eva reported that the MMC approved budget for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2021, is \$9,000.

Announcements:

Eva announced that at the PLTI graduation held in June, Hayate was one of the graduates. Eva congratulated Hayate for completing the leadership training. Eva also informed that she contacted SPEF about plans for the Marc US for Change Day this fall, as the MMC has been one of the co-sponsors the last few years. She will send the Council updates about plans as they are finalized. Debbie shared the update for the Walk for Unity in our Community, that will be taken place on October 10th. She will let us know more updates.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 23 or August 30, 2021, at 6:15 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Submitted by Ana Gallegos MMC Secretary