

**NAUGATUCK CULTURAL COUNCIL  
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & AWARENESS COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Meeting of Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Naugatuck Savings Bank, Community Room, 87 Church Street, Naugatuck

Attendees: Robin Gerber, Vanessa Vowe, and Les Williams.

Meeting was called to order by Les Williams at 5:05 p.m.

Vanessa Vowe volunteered to take the minutes. Les Williams will serve as facilitator of this meeting but noted that it is important for all members to take ownership of the Committee by taking turns in facilitating and note-taking at meetings in the future.

Unanimous approval of Motion to Approve Minutes of July 18, 2012—Motion by Robin Gerber/Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) by Les Williams.

Addition to agenda: Robin Gerber reported that she had forwarded the general email regarding tonight's Cultural Activities & Awareness Committee (CAAC) meeting to the Environmental Initiatives Committee (EIC). She will send a more formal invitation encouraging EIC members to attend the next CAAC meeting. She will also send the invitation to students and faculty of Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Event reports:

Decision on final date: It was agreed to schedule the fall event for Saturday, October 13, with a rain date of October 20. It was noted that the Naugatuck Arts Festival is already scheduled for September 29.

Vendors:

- Keith Lombard of Lucky Dog Hot Dogs: Les Williams reported that he will participate.
- Dirty Greek Gyro Co.: Vanessa Vowe is waiting to hear back from them.
- Taco truck: Robin Gerber said they will not participate.
- Dickey's: Robin Gerber reported that they have a catering license and a van to deliver food; we will need to confirm with them if this meets requirements for serving food at the event.
- El Americano: Monroe Webster emailed that they are interested in participating; awaiting date from us.
- Pink Petal Sweets: Bridget Mariano emailed that they were unable to participate if date was on October 6; will need to follow up with new date.
- Waterbury food trucks: Robin Gerber said she would check on other food trucks in Waterbury.

Entertainment:

- African dance & steel drum troupes: Les Williams reported that they require a fee to perform. He will check with the New Haven Foundation to see if there might be some funding available for our event to pay for performers.
- Mexican & Brazilian performers: Vanessa Vowe has contacted individuals in these communities and is waiting to hear back on their participation.
- Unity Dance Ensemble: Robin Gerber will contact this group.
- Additional ideas for entertainment and activities were brainstormed with each member in attendance committing to contact more performers. However, it will be necessary for all

Committee members to help with this. It was agreed that activities should facilitate people connecting with one another.

Event Name: It was agreed to promote the event as:

Join Hands  
Around the Earth:  
A Celebration of People

Next Steps:

- Finalize entertainment and food vendors by the next meeting. All Committee members are needed to help with this.
- Establish a timeline for the event.
- Les Williams will reach out to local farmers.
- Robin Gerber will contact the Naugatuck Arts Commission to encourage their members to attend CAAC meetings.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, 6:00 p.m. at Naugatuck Savings Bank, Community Room, 87 Church Street, Naugatuck.

Unanimous approval of Motion to Adjourn at 6:15 p.m.--Motion by Les Williams/Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) by Robin Gerber.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Vowe