

Naugatuck Cultural Council
Cultural Activities and Awareness Committee
Minutes
Meeting of August 22, 2012
Naugatuck Savings Bank, Community Room, 87 Church Street, Naugatuck

Attendees: Robin Gerber, Veronica Jimenez, Bridget Mariano, Chin Sounanthanam, Vanessa Vowe, Monroe Webster, Les Williams

Meeting called to order by Robin Gerber at 6:04 p.m.

Unanimous approval of Motion to Approve Minutes of July 31, 2012—Motion by Vanessa Vowe/Second (2nd) by Robin Gerber.

It was reported that the Friday, October 13th date of the event entitled, *Join Hands Around the Earth, A Celebration of People* is confirmed. It will be held at Linden Park from 4-7 p.m. Rain date is October 20.

Vendors:

The Dirty Greek Gyro Co. wants to participate but is unable to do business in a public park.

Lucky Dog has confirmed.

Dickeys Barbecue of Naugatuck has confirmed.

El Americano has also confirmed.

Senor Panchos in Prospect will be approached by Veronica.

Pink Petals has not confirmed but would like more information on the event. To be done by Bridget.

Licensing discussion:

Discussion held on the need for a particular type of license for operating food concessions in a park. Les volunteered to pursue information regarding this.

Discussion on competitive pricing of food also took place. There will be a cover letter drawn up to send to vendors about pricing.

Les reported that he will contact farms in the area to ask about the committee coming to the farms to pick produce. That produce would be available for people who attend function along with recipes for produce that is being offered.

Entertainment:

Robin is working on dance entertainment from Unity Dance as well as performers who attend Naugatuck Valley Community College. Robin also will contact groups that perform Capoeira.

Chin will contact her own Laos Dance Troupe (Laos American Arts and Culture of CT) also known as LAACC.

Vanessa and Veronica discussed having a Mexican piñata event for children and adults.

Les reported the African Dance Troupe is not participating; he will contact an arts school in New Haven about other performers that might participate in the event.

Vanessa is still in contact with the Brazilian church for possibility of entertainment and/or leading some soccer activities with youth and discussing importance of soccer in Brazilian culture. She will also contact an Albanian friend to lead people in Albanian dancing.

Robin will contact Ana Lima re Portuguese dancers.

Financial needs:

The cost of offering the piñata event would be approximately \$70 . Pinatas would be purchased from a vendor in Danbury. Members of the committee volunteered to donate candy for the piñatas.

Les has contacted the New Haven Foundation for financial support of the event. He will also contact Stop and Shop for support. Robin will contact Big Y.

Bridget volunteered to contact the banks in town to determine if they can offer financial support.

Publicity for event:

Needs further discussion. Bridget will put an article in Naugatuck Historical Society's internet newsletter and paper newsletter.

Unanimous approval to adjourn meeting at 7:14 p.m.--Motion by Vanessa Vowe/Second (2nd) by Chin Sounanthanam.

Next Meeting: August 29 at 7 p.m. after Environmental Initiatives Committee meeting at Naugatuck Savings Bank, Community Room, 87 Church Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Mariano