

Naugatuck Cultural Council

Cultural Activities and Awareness Committee

Minutes

Meeting of September 20, 2012

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

Attendees: Felipe Flores, Robin Gerber, Les Williams, Vanessa Vowe, Melissa Leonard, Monroe Webster, Delores Turman, and Sandra Heller.

Meeting called to order by Les Williams at 6:35 p.m.

Unanimous approval of Motion to Approve Minutes of September 13, 2012-Motion by Delores Turman/Second by Monroe Webster.

Les Wiliams outlined the priorities of "A Celebration of People." Need to focus on outreach and logistics for the day.

Les emailed Mayor Bob Mezzo requesting help with obtaining a platform, audio equipment and platform for our event. Mayor Mezzo has not yet responded to the email.

On Wed. 9/19 there was a brief meeting for The Cultural Council, only four members were present; Felipe Flores, Les Williams, Vanessa Vowe and Sandra Heller.

The committee went through a run-down on what we have for the 10/13 event, rain date 10/20. 4-7 p.m. We agreed that there would need to be a joint effort of both committees to make this happen.

Vendors: Lucky dog, The Dirty Greek Gyro, El Americano

Vanessa reported on Senor Ponchos. They need to acquire a temporary permit to vend. They need to call Park and Rec or Town Hall.

Robin reported that The Taste of Poland is interested in making pirogues, but they too would need a temporary permit to vend.

Entertainment:

Piñata – We will have one, perhaps two

African Dance and Drumming

Albanian Dance

Latino Musicians

East Indian Dance

Laotian Folk Dancers

All Brazilian entertainment not confirmed.

The committee agreed that communication needs to be clear about the program timing. We also talked about having a house band or global music CDS. Robin presented the idea of the Warp Tour musicians from town, could be a possible house band. Felipe raised The Foresters group would need permission from responsible families. Melissa will check with the Jazz Bank from NHS.

Master of Ceremonies: Mayor Bob Mezzo or Monroe Webster.

We discussed other group activities that would involve the people's participation:

Grab a Group Game

Spiral Dance

Potato Sack Races

Bocchi Ball

Parachute Game

Local Farms in Greater Naugatuck Valley: Eve's Corner Garden in Bethany could donate/U-pick

Supplies:

Audio/PA - power? Robin will contact the Arts Commission. Melissa will check with Charlie.

Platform Sandra will contact St. Michael's re: Naugatuck Teen Theater

Tables/Chairs

Port-a-lets

The committee discussed the possibility that a generator may ruin musical instruments.

We need volunteers (members of the Council) to set up and break down, greet and oversee the entertainment. Robin will contact Jan Saam to talk to key student groups at NHS. Robin will try to set up visit at the high school to solicit members of student council and the National Honor Society to volunteer. Propose article write-up in high school publication.

Melissa will call the Town Street Dept. to request more trash cans. However, we agreed that it is our responsibility to clean up following the event.

Les agreed to visit the park to do a layout of the event. Members of the committee agreed to all create a layout sketch of the event held at Linden Park.

We discussed posting signs in town to publicize the event. Location: next to the fire station. Someone needs to talk with Mayor Mezzo and asked for a couple of signs to be made.

Sandra will propose to Tindall-Gibson, to send revised, multi-lingua flyers through the schools. Perhaps Mayor Bob or Bridget Mariano could make multiple copies.

Next meeting, the committee agreed to hold a phone conference on 9/28 at 6 p.m. Les Williams agreed to initiate the conference call.

Unanimous approval to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. – Motioned by Sandra. Second by Monroe.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Gerber