



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

Minutes March 5th, 2014

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In attendance: Donald Goodson, Ann Stockman, David Carlor, Tom Coakley, Gloria Mengual of Everyday Democracy, Terry Masters, John Fahan, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Ludwig Gayanilo, William Boyd, Patrick Ridenhour, Olga Pena, Sylvia Martin, Sybil Friedman, Wade Pereira, Lucretia Duwel.

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Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda – Olga Pena, Second-Lucretia Duwel.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes –With the necessary correction of the spelling of Stephanie Philips first name mentioned by John Fahan; motion to approve by Sylvia Martin. Second by TaShun Bowden-Lewis.

Treasurer’s Report: Olga Pena reported we still have \$1,320. She asked for a motion to approve \$75 to reserve a booth for the Main Street Festival on June 6th. Motion to approve made by Stephanie Philips. Second by Lucretia Duwel

Old Business:

Black History Month/Civil Right Movement Program: Donald Goodson thanked Lucretia Duwel and Ann Stockman for setting up and organizing the program at the library. He also thanked Stephanie Philips for her presentation that she gave in the series. In addition, Donald Goodson will draft a letter thanking the library director, Barbara Blosveren, for making the Library available for the month. The committee also thanked Donald Goodson for his presentation given at the library.

Newly Revised Brochure: Olga Pena has been working on an edited copy of the brochure. Since membership changes she stated that listing the names of our members is not really necessary. Our current mission statement was read aloud for everyone: *“The mission of Stratford C.A.R.E. is to make the Stratford, CT community strong, united, and vibrant by ensuring racial equity and promoting cultural competence.”*

Logo/Website Report: Ludwig Gayanilo created a logo for C.A.R.E. that the membership liked and was enthusiastic about. When asked by Olga Pena Ludwig confirmed that he is donating the logo to our committee. He also created a C.A.R.E. Facebook page. A discussion ensued about the page content and who would be the site administrators. The chairman formed a sub-committee to discuss the development and management of the web page composed of: Donald Goodson, John Fahan, Ludwig Gayanilo, Olga Pena, Terry Masters, and Chief Patrick Ridenhour.

New Business:

Solidifying Our Hopes & Concerns: Gloria Mengual of Everyday Democracy discussed the hopes and concerns grid with the committee. She asked us to think about which hopes are most aligned with C.A.R.E.’s vision and mission. Gloria stated that from her experience individuals come back to meetings and maintain interest by having obtainable things to do and by being assigned specific tasks.

2014 Goals: Gloria Mengual offered her skills and expertise to take C.A.R.E. through a series of about 5 training dialogues for the Study Circles in order that C.A.R.E. will be equipped with the facilitator training to make the study circles a community wide effort going forward.

Study Circles help communities develop their own ability to solve problems by bringing people together in dialogue across race, income, age on so on. Stephanie Philips stated this is an opportunity to build new leaders in the community.

Lucretia Duwel said the superintendent of schools has given her approval for Study Circles in the schools. John Fahan will contact the recreation dept. to secure meeting space for the following tentative dates: March 19, April 2, April 23, May 7, May 21, and June 4 for 6:30-8:30pm each evening.

Meeting Times: The chairman asked the members to consider if Tuesdays or Wednesdays are better for them to attend the regular meetings and to get back to him with their preference.

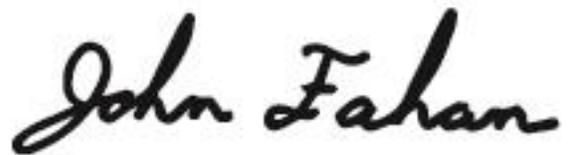
Town Council: Stephanie Philips stated there is an opening on the Library Board which is appointed by the Town Council. Lucretia Duwel stated the board makes policy and procedure for the Stratford Library. All interested applicants may contact either Stephanie or Lucretia.

Adjournment: 8:56pm

Motion – Lucretia Duwel. Second- Ann Stockman.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fahan.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fahan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'F'.