



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

Minutes April 2, 2014

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In attendance: Donald Goodson, Ann Stockman, , Tom Coakley, Gloria Mengual of Everyday Democracy, Terry Masters, John Fahan, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Ludwig Gayanilo, William Boyd, Sylvia Martin, Sybil Friedman, Wade Pereira, Lucretia Duwel, Joyce Minter, Gale Shapiro, Ann Stockman, Immacula Cann, Lynnette Baroni.

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Agenda: Lucretia Duwel, Second-Terry Masters.

Approval of Minutes: TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Second- Ann Stockman.

Treasurer's Report: Olga Pena was not able to attend the meeting. Donald Goodson said we had to cut a check in the amount of \$75 for the Main Street Festival on June 7th. This will bring the balance to \$1,245.00.

Old Business:

Study Circle Designated Dates: 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, and an additional date added for 6/18.

Brief Logo/Brochure Committees Report: Donald Goodson thanked Ludwig Gayanilo for his work on the logo and Facebook page. We will need the logo on the brochure ready for the Stratford Main Street Festival. Anne Stockman has many photos of C.A.R.E. in action which would be great to post on the Facebook page.

New Business:

Stratford Vigil for Inequality: Terry Masters provided us a flyer for a vigil that takes place 4/8 2014 at 5pm at Paradise Green. Stratford is one of 36 towns where poverty has increased. The vigil is part of a statewide day of action highlighting the rise in poverty and calling for a more just economy.

Teen Job Fair: Lucretia Duwel provided a flyer for Teen Job Fair 2014 on Saturday April 12 at 11am in the Lovell Room at the Stratford Library. The Stratford Library Teen Services is extending this invitation that provides valuable information on schools, businesses, and organizations. Representatives from agencies, schools, and businesses will be there to share information about career choices and opportunities. For more information stop by Teen Services Desk or call 203-385-4167 or go to www.stratfordlibrary.org.

Walk A Mile in Her Shoes: Immacula Cann provided a flyer for this event taking place on Saturday, May 3 at 8:30am 1720 Post Rd in Fairfield. This is a community event where men and boys take the first step to end violence against women and girls. High heels are optional. Participant entry is free but registration is required at mschramm@centerforjustice.org or call 203-334-6154.

Initiation of Study Circle Activity: Gloria Mengual opened the Study Circle dialogue. Session 1 was about making connections. There were introductions, an overview of the process, a conversation about our hopes and concerns and guidelines for the dialogue. In addition, there was a 60 minute session about making connections about how our backgrounds or experiences have affected our ideas about racism and other ethnic groups. Gloria asked the group to bring to the next meeting an item that is of special importance to us.

Adjournment: 8:46pm.

Motion –TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Second-Lucretia Duwel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

