

## LCDI 6/26/19 Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcoming members

- Thank you everyone for all of your hard work!

### II. Attendance

### III. Delegation of Responsibilities

- Alyse, secretary
- Harrison, Instagram page
- Possibly Amy and Stacey for Press releases
- Need a person for PR
- Once by-laws are approved, we will have an elected board.

### IV. Italian Heritage Proposal/ UNICO Partnership - Kevin Francione could not make the meeting. Jim came in his place.

- Planning on having a brief speaker
- Working out details for the October event.
- LCDI will be working with UNICO
- October 3-6 will be the carnival, will be at the circle.
- Would like to have it on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to kick off Italian Heritage month.
- Billy advised that the committee voted in favor of the flag raising at our last meeting.

### V. Latin/Hispanic Heritage Month Proposal - Miryam Torres and Councilman Vieira

- See handout.
- Question has come up about a flag raising for Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Councilman Vieira's family is donating the flag which will be a hand made flag made, like Miryam's Pan-American flag which represents all Hispanic countries including Cuba and even includes Puerto Rico.
- Miriam is from East Orange. The Pan-American Flag is raised in East Orange for the entire month of October. First day there is a huge event. This year the flag raising will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. All are invited.

- Just Spanish speaking countries.
- We voted and unanimously approved the flag raising.
  - Michael will work present to the Council for approval.
- VI. Sanskriti Partnership for India Independence Day and Diwali
  - Billy: Sanskriti has asked for us to partner for India Independence Day. Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
    - We will help with publicizing and on the day. We will not play an active planning role.
  - We have been asked to participate in Diwali in October.
- VII. Committee Dinner to start off August
  - Alyse: committee dinner to get to know each other and experience local food. Tentative Date, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Idea to have dinner at Justina's. \$5 for committee member and others pay full price.
- VIII. Religions of The World Update - Mike Ramer and Saba
  - See Event Proposal
  - November 21, 2019
  - Met with Pastor Dan regarding purpose.
  - Idea the more we learn about each other the better.
  - The clergy committee is part of it.
  - Vote and all are in favor.
  - Saba and Mike Ramer will send the proposal to Alan Karpas and Ed Meinhardt.
  - Subcommittee meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- IX. Community Police Round Table Status Update\*
  - Still looking towards end of August beginning of September
- X. Inclusion and Education Request – Alyse
  - Need to work on Inclusion, teaching inclusion. Teaming up with the schools.
  - Billy, spoke with LPS Superintendent Dr. Block about having more of a partnership with district and our committee.
  - Michael V. idea of recording something and blasting on social media.
- XI. Pride Recap
  - Positive reviews.
  - Speeches were excellent.
  - Suggestion to have the book reading in the big room.
  - Better conclusion needed for next year.
- XII. Women Veterans Recap

- Positive reviews
- Keith was upset about the lack of televised media.
- Would have been nice to have more men and more people in uniform, we will be working on bringing in the veterans groups actively for next year.
- For the future wreath laying is for the dead, not the living.
- XIII. July Break, enjoy your month off!!!
- XIV. Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- XV. Committee Member Updates
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> Free eye screening open to everyone. Families that cannot afford, Lions International will help.
  - Lions:
    - Poster contest, how to bring this back
    - What does the town need from Lions.
  - Michael Vieira, the Town Council appreciates the committee. We make the town look good.
  - Looking forward – planning Chinese New Year.
  - June, Caribbean Heritage Month, next year
  - August of 2020 Middle Eastern or Pakistani cultural event
- XVI. Close meeting