

SCITUATE SISTER CITY / CAPE VERDE, SANTA CATARINA DO FOGO MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Scituate Library

Attendance: Angela Dray, John Monteiro, Kelly Bower, Antonieta Barros, Bill Lopes, Teresa Barnette, Taylor Lawrence (virtual), Keith Becker (virtual)

Absent: Maria Andrade and Hope Fernandes

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.

1. Accepted/Approved Minutes from October 19th meeting
2. Discussion on November 19th Event Highlighting the History of the Feast of Santa Catarina
 - Event to be held from 1pm – 3pm at St. Mary's Parish Center.
 - Announced in town weekly update
 - Town and community have a lot of excitement around the event
 - Refreshments will be provided and organized by volunteers: water, pastel, conga (a traditional chicken soup), bread, finger sandwiches, cookies
 - Antonieta to bring laptop/speakers and arrive between 11:30 am – noon. Angela to share link to video so Antonieta can test.
 - Bringing display items used at previous events.
 - Agenda: Welcome everyone; introduce committee; give background of holiday in Cape Verde; introduce Maria Lobo as secretary of church committee for the feast; introduce church committee for the feast; slideshow of photos; thank everyone; serve food.
 - Donation box, suggestion box, and mailing list sign up will be present
 - Expecting roughly 50+ attendees
 - Gift to be presented to the committee
 - Next year: can add more research to mention the patron saints of other islands, possibly on All Saints' Day.
3. Update on the Sister City Project winter film festival at the Reel Harbor Theater
 - Angela met with the manager (Emily) and representatives of the other Sister City Committees to attend and discuss details
 - Initially there were a lot of restrictions on what can be played at certain times due to contracts with movie studios
 - Because private events cannot be publicized, the committees agreed to make the festival a public event
 - There will be a cost for public events (roughly \$150 per hour or \$300 per showing), and the theater can then also promote it.
 - Committees keep donations and theater keeps concessions
 - There is a possibility of coordinating with restaurants to offer themed cocktails or appetizers paired with the movies and maybe a meet/greet
 - Theater will reach out at the end of the month with the winter scheduled finalized
 - French committee will draft flyer
 - Angela to send trailer for a prospective movie (Candidate). There may be a donation required to acquire the movie. There is a historian in Falmouth that could speak to the movie.

4. Project Plan:
 - Angela will resend a link to the group and give rights to edit/view
 - Antonieta created folders in Google Drive for each event
 - Antonieta give Taylor permission to upload Excel sheet with contacts
5. Other business
 - No meeting in December

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Scituate Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.