



Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – October 11, 2022

Present: Mr. Bueno, Ms. Carvalho, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Pinto

Absent: Mr. Lopez

Mr. Bueno opened the meeting at 5:39 pm.

Minutes

Ms. Carvalho makes a motion to amend the minutes from the July 14 meeting due to a misspelling, and Mr. Murphy seconds it. Ms. Carvalho makes a motion to approve the amended minutes, and Mr. Murphy seconds it. Approval of minutes from the July 14 meeting.

Old Business

Reflection on Lagoa's Celebratory Event – Ms. Pinto mentions that she was really impressed with the display of Portuguese culture, and that it was personally a moving event. Ms. Carvalho mentions that it was an exhibition for the senses. For that purpose, a friend baked cookies from the Lagoa area. Ms. Carvalho thanks the group from the Azorean Cultural Society for the wonderful musical performance. Ms. Carvalho also thanks Portugalia Market for lending china from the Lagoa area for the exhibit. Ms. Carvalho mentions that Fairhaven had the best Lagoa display of the local town. Mr. Murphy expresses that it showed the strong Portuguese culture that we have in Fairhaven. He was very pleased that the entire select board came out to support the event, and that our town Administrator spoke at the event. Mr. Murphy also mentions the connection between Our Lady of the Angels Feast and Sao Miguel. Ms. Carvalho mentions Ms. Filomena Trip, who is from Lagoa and participated in the event. Mr. Bueno thanks Fairhaven TV for covering the event. Mr. Bueno expresses that it was an amazing event and that it was great seeing all the different Portuguese people come to the event.

New Business

Discussion about reorganization of the committee, and explanation of roles.

Motion approved to nominate Ms. Carvalho as Chair of the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee. Ms. Carvalho accepts the nomination. Ms. Carvalho mentions the great partnership with Lagoa's Mayor, Cristina Calisto.

Motion approved to nominate Mr. Murphy as Vice-Chair of the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee. Mr. Murphy accepts the nomination. In the event of a conflict of interest, it will be rectified at the next meeting.

Motion approved to nominate Ms. Pinto for the position of Secretary of the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee. Ms. Pinto accepts the nomination.

What's next: Ms. Carvalho mentions that the Portuguese Channel reached asking for footage to cover the event. She praises Fairhaven TV for the wonderful coverage of the event. Ms. Carvalho proposes using footage from the regatta

between Pico and Faial to serve as video separators, with the courtesy of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society. There is some discussion about bringing an Azorean Potluck to the town hall and sharing Portuguese recipes with the Fairhaven population. Mr. Murphy suggests bringing people from other Portuguese groups to talk about initiatives in the community to showcase Azorean culture. Ms. Pinto suggests using the town Facebook page to post relevant information about what the committee is doing. Mr. Bueno reiterates that it would be a great next step to bring different Portuguese groups to talk. Mr. Murphy suggests reaching out to Mayor Cristina about how to further cultivate the relationship created by the Lagoa Friendship Pact. There was a discussion about looking into a student exchange between Fairhaven and Lagoa, and another discussion about a "speaker series" format for subsequent meetings. Ms. Carvalho suggests a recipe exchange for the holidays for the next meeting.

Next Meeting will tentatively be Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Ms. Carvalho made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Murphy. Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Martins Pinto