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LAGOA FRIENDSHIP PACT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – October 18, 2023

Present: Ms. Maria J. Carvalho, Mr. Charles Murphy, Ms. Despina Longinidis, Mr. Chris Richard

Absent: Ms. Pinto, Ms. Fialho, Ms. Caisse, and Ms. Henicke

Ms. Carvalho opened the meeting.

Ms. Carvalho read the Massachusetts law that mandates the recording of town meetings. Ms. Carvalho announced that the meeting was being recorded on the government access channel and would be replayed on channel 18 and posted on fairhaventv.com.

Old Business

Due to lack of quorum, the committee could not approve the minutes for the August 15, meeting, as well as the October 18 meeting.

New Business

Ms. Carvalho shared a photo of the committee members at the procession of the Our Lady of Angels feast. The photo also included a representative from the Dartmouth Friendship Pact Committee and two members of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society. Ms. Carvalho announced that the committee will join of procession again next year. Ms. Carvalho handed Mr. Murphy the photo so that it can be displayed at the Fairhaven Townhall. Ms. Carvalho then shared a photo of Lagoa's Mayor, Cristina Calisto, holding a copy of the same photo. The mayor also sent gifts with Lagoa's logo to the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee.

Ms. Carvalho extended an invitation to the public to join the committee, and explained the importance of participating in a committee that is highlighting a town that so many of our ancestors came from.

Ms. Carvalho indicated that the next meeting will be in January. The committee will begin working on an exchange of students. Mr. Richard indicated that the committee should have a member of the school committee and another member of the economic development committee. Mr. Richard will approach both committees about appointing members before the January meeting.

Mr. Richard thanked Ms. Carvalho for joining the Kids Fest in Fairhaven with the Azorean Society, and for joining the group in singing Azorean songs. Mr. Richard mentioned that it was a very special addition to the Fest.

Ms. Carvalho ended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Martins Pinto

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