

International Hospitality Committee
December 15th, 2021, 2:00 PM

The meeting was held in Town Hall and virtually via zoom.

Attendees: Bill Hass, Barbara Jay, Joan Hass, Aye Aye Thant, Melinda McMillen, Dennis Wong, Derick DeMarche,, Arline Gertzoff (via zoom), Marge Nieuwenhuis, Karen Marino, Michaela MacColl, Marilyn Smith, Janet Filling, Gloria Nussbaum

Bill Hass opened the meeting at 2:05.

1. Future programs and events were discussed.
 - a. Peace Pole project – no update
 - b. Cybersecurity – has been postponed due to lack of venue during the pandemic
 - c. Refugees and Women's Day -- the first program in the Refugee project will take place on March 8th at the Westport Library. Karen Marino is assembling a panel of local services providers. Michaela is arranging a storytelling event in Norwalk for March. Other possibilities are a UN speaker, an author visit to a local school, a marketplace for refugee artisans.

2. Partnerships were discussed including the UNA-USA SW CT, Westport Library, Westport Rotary and other organizations

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 19th at 2:00 PM at Westport Town Hall or virtually via Zoom (an agenda and zoom invite will be sent a few days before the meeting).

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela MacColl
Secretary