

**PLANO MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE (MCOR)**  
**January 14, 2020**

**MCOR Co-Chairs Present:**

Mary Alice Garza      Shaheen Salam      Graciela Katzer

Co-Chair Katzer convened the meeting to order at 7 pm, Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in Training Room A at Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Co-Chair Garza announced the following:

January 18 at 8 am – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast at Collin College.

January 21 at 4 pm – State redistricting committee will be taking input from citizens about how to redistrict after the Census. This will be at Collin College.

January 25 from 10 am – 4 pm - League of Women Voters will have a candidate forum at Collin College.

February 6 at 6 pm – State Education Commissioner will have a candidate forum at Sockwell Center.

March – April, 2020 – Don't forget to reply via web for the U.S. 2020 Census.

March 3 – Reminder to vote in the primaries. She did not know the date of any potential runoffs.

March 28 at 11 am – League of Women Voters will have a luncheon at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

May 2 – Reminder of local elections.

Co-Chair Katzer announced the following:

January 20 is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23 at 6:30 pm – Plano ISD will have their Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Williams High School.

Co-Chair Shaheen announced the following:

She is accepting donations of socks and tee shirts for the economically disadvantaged population of south Dallas for the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation. These will be given out on January 20, 2020 which is the National Day of Service as declared by President Obama.

February 29 - Annual fundraiser for Plano Metro Rotary. It is "casino night" and she will email the flyer out soon.

Ed Drain was confirmed as Plano Police Chief by City Council and there will be a reception at the Courtyard Theater from 3-5 pm on February 24.

Denise Hamilton announced Officer Art Parker's retirement reception will be on January 30 from 11 am - 2 pm at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

Farnaz Nouri announced there will be an open house celebration in Frisco on February 29 honoring the birth of one of the Sufi masters. She will have more information soon.

### **READING, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Shaheen Salam moved that the minutes be approved and Farnaz Nouri seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present.

### **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

No report at this time.

### **GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Youth Committee report**

Co-Chair Katzer reported that the Youth Committee are unable to attend the monthly Tuesday MCOR meetings due to work and school activities, however they have been working hard on the upcoming Community Circles event. It will be on February 24, 2020 at Plano West Senior High School. They have designed a flyer and it will be sent out soon. The Plano ISD sponsor is very excited about this and said that the students have also said they want to pick their own moderator. He and Katzer see this as very good because it shows that the student participants want to do everything on their own.

#### **Discussion of 2020 Citizen Workshop (CWS)**

Co-Chair Salam updated everyone on the upcoming workshop. It is on February 8 at the Plano ISD Sockwell Center from 2-4 pm. She had posters and flyers to pass out for display. She is out of Spanish flyers but Co-Chair Katzer has some of those. Shaheen said that everything is working out. There are about 10 attorneys have confirmed their participation. They are several languages represented so that is very helpful. Council Member Maria Tu will be the keynote speaker and will talk about her background and how she came to the United States. There will also be a police officer in uniform working at the event. Nametags and table signs will be created and printed by Dr. Chris Parr. Salam's granddaughter will be creating and presenting the PowerPoint presentation at the event. Alphagraphics will be printing more materials as needed. The translation equipment has been secured. She is hoping for more translators to attend and is waiting to hear back. The room layout will be the same as in the past. Volunteers will come from Plano West MCOR and John Paul II High School as well as Salam's Sunday school class. The website has been updated by Farnaz Nouri. There are several presenters and she will be finalizing everyone soon. Refreshments are all taken care of.

#### **Discussion of Aga Khan Foundation Religious Pluralism Event**

The first committee meeting was held recently and there is a chance the date of the event will move from April 7. There is another meeting the end of January where more will be known. There is also some talk about changing the name since "pluralism" has different meanings in different doctrines. The consensus is that MCOR should move on with their participation in the event.

#### **Discussion of National Day of Prayer**

Co-Chair Garza started by asking everyone if they felt this event was still important. She wanted to gauge the thoughts of those at the meeting to see if they wanted to do both the religious pluralism event AND the National Day of Prayer event. There is concern that if the National Day of Prayer is canceled it will be hard to regain the momentum if it tries to start up again. It was decided to continue forward with both events. Farnaz Nouri mentioned that the Frisco Interfaith Alliance said they may attend the National Day of Prayer event in Plano as a group. She will follow-up with Co-Chair Garza about this.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Update on Friendship Circles**

Denise Hamilton said there is no Friendship Circles event until February. She will report more at the next meeting.

### **Discussion of 2019 MCOR Holiday Party**

Co-Chairs Katzer and Garza thanked Alicia with Sent Church for opening up her church for the event. There was good attendance and everything went very well. There was entertainment and everyone was very appreciative. They hope to do it again next year. They collected 96 pairs of socks and several jackets and those items were donated to local charities.

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### **Update on World Peace Table Tennis Tournament**

The winter tournament was held on December 7, 2019 at the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center. They had over 100 players and many more family members who came to watch. The spring tournament is being planned for April.

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

None at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

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MCOR Co-Chair