

PLANO MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE (MCOR)

March 10, 2020

MCOR Co-Chairs Present:

Mary Alice Garza

Co-Chair Garza convened the meeting to order at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 10, 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:

The League of Women Voters will have a luncheon on March 28, 2020 at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney celebrating 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. It's open to all, not just women.

READING, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 14, 2020 were reviewed. Denise Hamilton moved that the minutes be approved and Sneh Goyal seconded the motion. The minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Sneh Goyal moved that the minutes be approved and Denise Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes from both meetings were approved by all present.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Discussion of 2020 Business Leadership Reception

Co-Chair Garza reported that there was a planning meeting several weeks ago on this reception. She further confirmed that the reception will be Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and will once again be at the Center for American and International Law. The theme for this year's event is "Eco-Friendly Transportation". She is hoping to involve people from that industry. Ron Johnson is checking with his contacts at Toyota and Liberty Mutual and hopes to hear back after Spring Break. Co-Chair Garza plans to contact the principal at Academy High School to see if there are any opportunities for those students to present some of their work. She encourages all to let her know of any contacts they may have in this industry

GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Youth Committee report

Report on 2020 Plano West Senior High School Community Circles event

Denise Hamilton attended the Community Circles event and offered that the meeting was very good. She said that it was full and that it was student led with mostly only students participating. She asked about having a future event in collaboration with the college where more community members in addition to students participated. Co-Chair Garza said that MCOR used to work with Collin College but there has not been a collaboration until the Youth Committee started up and became involved. Co-Chair Graciela Katzer was not present at this MCOR meeting but will have a full report at a future meeting with additional information.

Discussion of 2020 Citizen Workshop (CWS)

No report at this time.

Discussion of Aga Khan Foundation Religious Pluralism Event

Initially this was an event that would be co-sponsored by MCOR. Recently that has changed and the Aga Khan Foundation will be the sole sponsor. It will be held on June 18, 2020 at the Ismaili Jamatkhana in Plano. MCOR will assist with recommendations for the steering committee and can participate and volunteer at the event as well.

Discussion of National Day of Prayer

There was a planning meeting in February and posters and flyers have been finalized and printed. Co-Chair Garza brought them for distribution. Denise Hamilton is working with a gospel group, Hill Chapel, who will participate and she is also waiting to hear from an interfaith choir at UTD who may also participate. One request by City staff is for a member of the National Day of Prayer group to sit assist with the advancing of the presentation slides. It is difficult for staff to know when to advance slides since the prayers are said in the native language while the slides are in English. Co-Chair Garza also said that if someone did not step up to provide refreshments she would be asking for MCOR participants to assist in that area as well.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Update on Friendship Circles

Denise Hamilton said this next Friendship Circles event is on April 4 at 3:30 pm. The topic is “Loneliness – In a World So Connected, Why is Loneliness an Epidemic”. If you RSVP you will receive the address. The event will close after the maximum number is reached. It is potluck so if you confirm your attendance please plan to bring a dish to share.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

No report at this time.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

MCOR Co-Chair