

PLANO MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE (MCOR)
April 9, 2019

MCOR Co-Chairs Present:

Mary Alice Garza

Shaheen Salam

Graciela Katzer

Co-chair Salam convened the meeting to order at 7 pm, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in Training Room A at Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Asif Effendi invited everyone to the Mother's Day celebration taking place on Sunday, May 11, 2019 at the Institute of Islamic Learning in the Metroplex (IILM) which is at 2101 W. Plano Parkway in Plano. Registration for the event is at 5 pm with the program starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner/Breaking of the Fast will take place at that time.

Denise Hamilton announced that on Saturday, April 27 at 6 pm there would be a Mental Health Panel Discussion hosted by the Collin County Diversity Council. It will be at the Allen Public Library at 300. N. Allen Drive in Allen starting at 2 pm.

MCOR Co-Chair Salam:

- Announced that there will be a public reception for retiring City Manager Bruce Glasscock on Tuesday, April 30 at 5 pm at the Plano Event Center.
- MCOR Co-Chair Salam announced that there will be a "Sharing Ramadan" event on Thursday, May 16 at 7 pm at the Islamic Association of Collin County at 6401 Independence Parkway. All are welcome to attend.
- Salam announced that she attended an event at the Eisemann Center on March 27 that featured Anne Frank's step-sister and said that it was very moving and it was standing room only and taught a lot about the holocaust.\
- Recognized and introduced City Council Member and MCOR Liaison Kayci Prince who said that she appreciated the hard work the group consistently did in the community. She feels that the group promotes a positive message and helps to build trust in the community and is thankful for the great programs MCOR puts on.

MCOR Co-Chair Katzer:

- Announced that on April 25 the first "State of the District" would be presented by Plano ISD at the Courtyard Theater. There is a meet & greet at 6 pm and the address starts at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Announced that a "State of the Arts" event would be happening at the Harrington Library on May 1 from 9-11:30 am and all are welcome.
- Announced that AsiaFest would be on May 4 at Haggard Park and there would be an Artist's Reception on April 15 at the Courtyard Theater. The reception requires a hard copy of the invitation.
- Reminded everyone that the election is May 4 and early voting is April 22-30.

- Announced that she had be recognized with a National PTA Life Achievement Award recently. She was involved in PTA before her son was in school and continues now even after her son is attending college.

READING, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Graciela Katzer moved that the minutes be approved and Denise Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Business Leadership Reception

Co-Chair Katzer reported that the reception will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Center for American and International Law. This year's panel will focus on the empowerment of women in the business environment and committee members have been meeting to discuss and confirm the moderator and panel members. They will be asking for volunteers soon and a "Save the Date" will be sent out in June. They have confirmed that the Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra (DAAYO) will provide the background music for the event and Linda Adler is working on the press release.

Plano International Festival (PIF)

Co-Chair Katzer reported that they just applied for the city grant which takes a lot of volunteer hours to complete. The funds for 2019 have been secured so the current request is for the 2020 festival. She said that many cities around Plano have approached the Plano International Festival asking for their help in creating a festival in their communities. Every year PIF purchases a booth at AsiaFest to promote MCOR and PIF activities. She asked for someone to step in to man the booth since she will be out of the country and Mona Joseph said she would handle this. Jeff Smith will send the volunteer request out soon. Katzer also asked if it would be possible to have a henna booth at AsiaFest and Co-Chair Salam will ask her granddaughter about doing that.

GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

2019 Citizenship Workshop

Co-Chair Salam announced that she had requested and received a special recognition for Khatina Wahab for her efforts in the Citizenship Workshop over the years. This was delivered to Khatina and Salam wanted to let the group know about it and wanted to say how much it was appreciated. Next year's workshop is on February 8, 2020.

2019 National Day of Prayer

Co-Chair Garza announced that this year's event will be on May 2, 2019. The service will be at 7 pm at the City Council Chambers and all are welcome to attend. She brought posters and flyers to distribute. So far there are 6-8 organizations who have confirmed they will participate in the event. She is working to get additional participants.

Youth Committee report

The Youth Committee reported that they are working with the PTA in hopes of getting the MCOR youth clubs in additional Plano ISD senior high schools. They are meeting in May with the Plano West sponsor, Mr. Sands, to prepare for the upcoming school year. They

gave an update on their Community Circles event and reported that more than 50 people attended, including 7 candidates running for public office. Of the attendees, 60% were adults and 40% were students. Some comments included that attendees felt it was a safe place to talk about diversity and they are happy students are engaged in these types of discussions. 100% of people said they were satisfied with the event with 70% said they were very satisfied. 64% of those attending asked to be added to the mailing list. Council Member Prince asked about the MCOR Youth Committees various activities and Co-Chair Katzer responded that for the last two years there has been a charter with Plano West Senior High School to have the MCOR Youth Committee be a sanctioned club. They are working to have this happen at all the Senior High Schools in Plano. The majority of the current youth committee are students about to enter senior high who are already working to have active clubs on Plano senior high school campuses. Katzer met with the Council of PTA president who will in turn be speaking with the school superintendent to see if the youth committees can host events on the district level of PTA. She is working on a budget for these events. Co-Chair Garza said that Collin College is also interested in working with the youth committee on future events.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Friendship Circles

Denise Hamilton reported that the next Friendship Circles event is on Saturday, May 18 from 2-4 pm and RSVP's are being collected. The event is growing and fills up quick so when you get the email please respond at your earliest convenience. The topic will be determined closer to the event date.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Discussion/Report on Table Tennis Tournaments

Chris Parr reported that the spring table tennis tournament on Saturday, April 27 at the Tom Muehlenbeck Center. All are welcome to attend this free event.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Co-Chair Salam will check with Lekan Ogunoyinbo, who was supposed to speak at the May meeting, to see if he would like to speak at the June MCOR meeting instead.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

MCOR Co-Chair