

PLANO MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE (MCOR)
June 11, 2019

MCOR Co-Chairs Present:

Mary Alice Garza
Shaheen Salam

Co-chair Salam convened the meeting to order at 7 pm, Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in Training Room A at Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sam Hsu announced that there will be a mid-autumn festival at the Eisemann Center in Richardson in November and he will have more information on that soon.

Co-chair Garza announced there would be no July MCOR meeting.

READING, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Co-chair Garza moved that the minutes be approved and Co-chair Salam seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Discuss of Business Leadership Reception

Co-chair Garza reported that the reception will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Center for American and International Law at 5201 Democracy Drive in Plano. The moderator will be LaShon Ross. One panelist has been confirmed. Amy Medford who is the assistant manager of the Shops at Willow Bend has agreed to attend. Co-chair Garza is in touch with several others and hopes to hear back soon. They are looking for 3-4 women to be on the panel and are focusing on women in business.

Discussion of future MCOR Speakers

Chris Parr is waiting to hear back from the Toyota Diversity Officer on speaking at a future meeting. Co-chair Garza is also interested in hearing a report about the overnight warming stations from a Salvation Army representative. The results from this past winter would be interesting to hear about.

GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Youth Committee report

No report at this time.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Update Friendship Circles

Friendship Circles is an informal gathering of MCOR attendees and their friends to share information about themselves, bring food to share and get to know each other. Denise Hamilton reported that the Saturday, May 18 Friendship Circles event had been canceled. The next event is on July 13, 2019 at Sneh Goyal's home in west Plano. Then on October

26, 2019 MCOR Co-chair Garza will host the last Friendship Circle event of the year. More details will be finalized soon.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Co-chair Garza has encouraged Recreation Chair Jon Liu to share the dates of future events so MCOR participants can share the information.

Lekan Ogunoyinbo, author of ***I, Too, Am America: Stories of 50 Amazing American Muslims***, spoke to the group about his book and how he came to write it. He told of naming the book after a poem by Langston Hughes entitled "I, Too".

Some of the accomplishments of Muslims include:

The creation of the ice cream cone

The design of the John Hancock Building and the Sears Tower in Chicago

The first self-funded woman to fly to the International Space Station

The development of procedures that very successfully treat brain tumors

These are just to name a few. Mr. Ogunoyinbo saw the diversity of this country and felt there was a need to highlight some of the accomplishments that are included in his book. There are top-notch athletes, entertainers, lawyers, doctors and entrepreneurs and he thought their accomplishments and contributions should be noted. The author shared that his experiences have brought him in contact with many amazing American Muslims and he wanted to honor them and their contributions to society.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Community Forums – Chris Parr

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

MCOR Co-Chair