

PLANO MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE (MCOR)
August 13, 2019

MCOR Co-Chairs Present:

Mary Alice Garza

Co-chair Garza convened the meeting to order at 7 pm, Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in Training Room A at Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Farnaz Nouri announced that the MCOR website is down and they will be working to get it up and running soon.

Co-chair Garza announced that Shaheen asked her to announce that the Citizenship Workshop Maria Tu will be the guest speaker.

READING, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Denise Hamilton moved that the minutes be approved and Farnaz Nouri seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Discussion of Business Leadership Reception

Co-chair Garza encouraged everyone to RSVP and attend. The panel of speakers consist of women who have been in business in Plano. They will share their stories. Mary Alice Garza will introduce the panel and speak briefly about when women gained the right to vote in Texas. She asked for those interested in volunteering to please let Co-chair Graciela Katzer know and also noted that Robert Armstrong would be taking a more active role in this and future receptions. Nametags will be ready for pick up on Monday.

Discussion of Plano International Festival

Linda Adler spoke on behalf of Co-chair Graciela Katzer and said they are accepting applications for booths and sponsors until the end of August. They have openings for several food trucks. She said it is a great opportunity to get in front of about 20,000 people. There will be a naturalization ceremony where 50-75 candidates will be sworn in. The opening reception for the art exhibit is on October 2 and invitations will go out soon. This year the festival is working with Plano Symphony Orchestra and will be having a musical program involving professional dancers. The proceeds from ticket sales will go to PSO music scholarships.

Discussion of future MCOR Speakers

There will be a speaker from the Census Committee at the September meeting. Co-chair Garza welcomes suggestions for other speakers.

Discussion of future MCOR Movies

Co-chair Katzer and Co-chair Salam will report on this at a future meeting.

GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Youth Committee report

The MCOR youth group at Plano West Senior High (PWSH) has written a yearly plan and will meet with a private sponsor before the end of August. The PWSH PTSA will host the annual Community Circles event in February and the Council PTA's will co-sponsor the event.

Discussion of hosting future Community Forums

Past forums focused on different cultural communities in the city. It's been several years since this was done and there is some interest in restarting. This is where the City Council and City Staff come together to respond to specific concerns within a particular community. The Cultural groups develop the invitation list. Co-chair Garza asked for anyone who is interested to please contact her.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Update Friendship Circles

Denise said the July event went very well. She announced that the next one will be at Co-chair Garza's house and there will be karaoke. It will be on October 26, 2019. More info will be sent out soon.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Discussion of Winter World Peace Table Tennis Tournament

Jon Liu said it still too early for many details about this event but he will share more at a future meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

2020 Citizenship Workshop

Discussion of Future MCOR speakers

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

MCOR Co-Chair