

PLANO MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE (MCOR)
January 8, 2013

MCOR Co-Chairs Present

Shaheen Salam, Co-Chair
Mary Alice Garza, Co-Chair

MCOR Co-Chairs Absent

Sally Magnuson, Co-Chair
Jian Li, Co-Chair

Staff Members Present

Dee Dee Falls

MCOR Co-Chair Shaheen Salam convened the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012, in Training Room A of the Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Co-Chair Garza announced an informative public forum on Human Trafficking: Impact in Collin County would take place on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 7 pm at the Medical Center of Plano Auditorium at 4001 W. 15th St., Suite 315 in Plano and invited everyone.

Committee Chair Katzer announced the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. events that are going on in Plano. These include the Power Leadership Breakfast at Collin College and the Community Unity Walk to downtown Plano on January 19th and this is followed by a program at City Hall and a health fair and free lunch at the Boys and Girls Club Douglass Center. On January 20 there will be an MLK All-Community Choir performance at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and on January 24th PISD will have a tribute at Williams High School. Co-Chair Garza also added that the newly elected state representatives had been invited to the breakfast as well. More information can be found on the City's homepage at www.plano.gov

Co-Chair Salam announced that the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation will again be celebrating the National Day of Service on January 21 by feeding the economically disadvantaged population of the south Dallas area starting at 10 a.m. The group always accepts volunteers and donations.

Co-Chair Salam also said that the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation is also having their 8th Annual Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, January 26 at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson. More information can be found at www.tmwf.org.

READING, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 13, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Committee Chair Katzer moved that the minutes of the November meeting be approved and MCOR Co-Chair Garza seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present at the meeting.

REPORTS

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Discussion of 2013 Community Circles event

Committee Chair Katzer reported that Collin College, who is partnering with MCOR on this February 18th event, is looking at a different approach to the Community Circles event. They have proposed that their students will get credit to attend the event, which will likely draw a large audience and instead of having tables occupants assigned ahead of time, they would like to seat attendees as they arrive. Ms. Katzer will discuss this further with them when she meets with Collin College organizers to finalize the questions that will be presented at the event.

GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Discussion of 2013 National Day of Prayer

Co-Chair Garza reported that this committee has had a meeting for the National Day of Prayer event, which will be on Thursday, May 2, 2013. At their meeting they discussed music and programs for the event and who will be invited. There is another meeting in February to continue discussing the event.

Discussion of 2013 Community Forum

Co-Chair Garza spoke to Co-Chair Li and they discussed that the fall is a better time frame for this event, due to all the upcoming activities and the organizers being unavailable to meet. More information will be provided when the committee meets to discuss further.

Discussion of 2013 Citizenship Workshop

Co-Chair Salam reported that the Citizenship Workshop is on track and will happen on Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 2-4 pm and will be held at the Sockwell Center, 6301 Chapel Hill Blvd, Plano. Fliers and posters are up in the libraries and will be distributed to the recreation centers and to Municipal Center for advertising the event. Ms. Salam has scheduled attorneys to be present and asked that an email be sent out to solicit volunteers. SMU law students were contacted as volunteers and should be available to assist at the workshop. Refreshments will be provided and are being donated by several, including Gleneagles Country Club. Ms. Salam is working to get translation equipment or some way to assist communication between those in need of the services provided at the workshop and those providing the assistance. A press release will be sent to media contacts provided by the City and Ms. Katzer will translate the press release into Spanish for distribution. Ms. Salam will work to get copies of presentations ahead of time and this may help to field questions from potential attendees. Mr. Hisham will look into contacting Representative Sam Johnson's office and the Dallas Peace Center to see if they are able to provide any assistance or resources for this workshop. A conference call is scheduled to wrap up additional details.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Discussion of speakers and activities for 2013

No report at this time.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report on 2012 Winter World Peace Table Tennis Tournament

Committee Chair Jon Liu reported that he was contacted by the Dallas Morning News and by Richard Ray at Channel 4 in order to schedule stories and coverage for the Table Tennis Tournament. The article was published recently and the story will air on Channel 4 in February.

DISCUSSION OF PARTNERING WITH PTN ON FUTURE CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

No report at this time. Mary Vail-Grube, the Director of Marketing and Community Engagement, whose department would oversee this project, will attend the March MCOR meeting to discuss this further.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

2013 Community Circles
2013 National Day of Prayer
MCOR speakers and activities for 2013

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Jian Li, MCOR Secretary