

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Muslim Liaison Group**

**October 11, 2016**

Members Present: Barbara Harding, Susan and Bill Kirby, Rod Paolini, Judy Penniman, Jerry Poje, Furman Riley, Dick Shields, and Ann Wood. Rob Creekmore also attended the meeting.

### **Reston Community Center Program**

Rod reminded us that the show "Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity" will be performed at the RCC on Nov. 2, 8:00 p.m.

### **Panelist for GADG on January 4, 2017**

There was a discussion of candidates for participation in a panel to talk about experiences of Muslims in America. Susan will contact Randy Adams with some suggestions.

### **Turkish Refugees in the US**

Rod, Susan, and Judy shared their recent experiences meeting with people who have recently fled Turkey following the government's crackdown on anyone suspected of connection with the Gulen movement.

### **Social Justice Council Summit**

Rod reported on the events at the meeting and reviewed the new form that must be filled out by groups requesting money from the SJC. He also circulated a handbook on social justice activities published by the UUA.

### **MLK Day of Service**

Jerry, Rod and Furman agreed to check with their contacts at the Islamic Center, ADAMS, and Dar al-Hijra to see whether any of those organizations is planning an activity in which we might participate. We will also try to find out whether the SJC is planning any activities in which we might invite our Muslim friends to participate.

Ann suggested that we look into doing the coat drive again this year. UUCF youth might want to participate in that as well.

### **Sunday lunch group**

Jerry reported that the group is already quite large and cannot accept any more participants. Susan suggested the possibility of forming a different lunch group based on our friends in the Turkish community.

### **Rumi Forum Program**

The Rumi Forum will hold a program in the UUCF Social Hall on Oct. 26 from 6:30 to 8 on Democracy and Religion. MLG will co-sponsor the program.