

Minutes of the Meeting of the Muslim Liaison Group

July 12, 2016

Members Present: Joshua Alcocer, Susan and Bill Kirby, Rod Paolini, Judy Penniman, Jerry Poje, and Furman Riley.

June 25 Iftar dinner

There was a brief discussion of lessons learned from the Iftar dinner. Thirty-six adults from UUCF and 20 adults from IITS, as well as 10-15 children, attended the dinner.

Report on Saturday Brunch Group

The group will meet again on July 30. It will discuss goals, the framework for discussion, and how to proceed from here.

MLK Day of Service

Rod Paolini asked whether we need to make a budget request to the Social Justice Council for an MLK Day of Service event. There was general agreement that we should not repeat the blanket making project of the past two years. Various ideas were discussed but no decision was made.

Vespers

Jerry proposed that we consider organizing a vespers service featuring Islamic, particularly Sufi, music, and readings on the theme of non-violence. Jerry will talk to Hanif about possible ideas.

Panel Discussion

Rod will explore inviting speakers for a presentation about the life of Muslims in America. Susan noted that one or two Muslims are scheduled to speak at the Global Affairs Discussion Group this coming year.

Next Meeting

No meeting will be held in August unless something comes up that makes it necessary to meet.