

**CITY OF PLANO
MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Meeting
February 8, 2005 7:00 p.m.
Tino's Mexican Restaurant – Collin Creek Mall**

Attendees:

Co-Chair: Christopher A. Parr, PhD.
Secretary: Jian Li

Co-Chair: Coty Rodriguez Anderson

Jose A. Castro-Frenzel
Tres Garza
Dawnetta Miller
Rene Rodriguez

Jay Forte
Frozina Goussak
Jamal Mohammad
Khatina Wahab

Nuray Fuller
Alan Johnson
Cecilia Prada

City Council/Staff Present:

Mayor Pat Evans

Bruce Glasscock

Cindy Potrykus

Handouts

- Agenda for Meeting
 - Minutes of the Meeting for January 11, 2005
 - *Dallas Dinner Table* Literature
 - Draft By-Laws of the Plano International Festival
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I. Public Comments

At 7:08 p.m., Dr. Christopher Parr invited any observers to make comments to the Multicultural Roundtable. No comments were made.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2005 Meeting

The group all favored approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2005 meeting.

III. Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Dr. Parr and Ms. Coty Rodriguez Anderson welcomed everyone and asked members of the group to briefly introduce themselves.

IV. Remarks by Mayor Pat Evans

Mayor Pat Evans greeted the group and expressed her appreciation for its efforts. She and the group briefly discussed and confirmed plans for the Plano International Festival event to be held on October 22, 2005.

Mayor Evans introduced to the group a program entitled the *Dallas Dinner Table*. Literature was provided to members regarding this program. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Jay Forte to expand upon

the mission of the *Dallas Dinner Table* and the possibilities of Plano MCOR partnering or assisting the program.

Mr. Forte explained that the *Dallas Dinner Table* is a licensed program. He explained its founders are insistent that the focus of the program be a discussion of racial and diversity issues. The *Dallas Dinner Table* is held once per year on MLK's birthday. Interested participants may host a group of 10 – 12 in their home or at a restaurant; however attendees to each event are determined by the dinner table board to ensure diversity.

Dr. Parr asked how MCOR could assist with the *Dallas Dinner Table* program in light of MCOR's defined cultural mission and goals. After discussion, MCOR proposed to assist with marketing of the *Dallas Dinner Table* event next year with the possibility of a few MCOR members participating in the program. It was also proposed that the *Dallas Dinner Table* founders could be slated as guest speakers for a future MCOR meeting.

V. MCOR Sub-Committee Reports

Membership/Program Recruiting and Retention Sub-Committee: Ms. Nuray Fuller, newly appointed Chair, reported that the sub-committee continues to work on programming topics for upcoming meetings. The sub-committee will meet prior to the next monthly MCOR meeting and will have more to report then.

Recreation/Facilities/Services Sub-Committee: In Chairman Thomas Tsang's absence, Bruce Glasscock informed the group that Mr. Tsang requested support in promoting the 2nd Annual, 2005 World Peace Table Tennis Tournament. The tournament is slated to be held on Saturday, May 8th at Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Drive in Plano. Ms. Coty Rodriguez-Anderson recommended the group support this event and Ms. Nuray Fuller seconded the motion. All approved.

Plano International Festival (PIF): Dr. Parr distributed draft by-laws for the incorporation of the Plano International Festival. He opened the floor for amendments and there were none. A meeting of the PIF board will be held prior to the next monthly MCOR meeting to finalize the document and make application to the federal government for 501(c)(3) status.

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting is set for March 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Mexi-Gos Restaurant and Grill, 6205 Coit Road, Plano, (972) 398-3533.

Jian Li
MCOR Secretary