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MCC Interfaith Screens “Waking in Oak Creek”

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, the MCC Interfaith Committee held a film screening of “Waking in Oak Creek,” a movie about the shooting at a Wisconsin Sikh Temple that resulted in the death of six worshippers. The program was co-sponsored with Omar Mozaffer and the film’s producer Patrick O’Neal introducing the film. A panel discussion began after the film with the Mayor of Oak Creek, a representative of the Department of Justice and several members of the Oak Creek community. The theme of the program was about community outreach and raising awareness in different faiths that encompass American society today in order to fix the problem of racism. Panelists explained that in order to end hate crimes against minorities, one must educate. It is imperative to have these interfaith discussions, and to work in conjunction in the several documentaries out there that screen these hate incidents, and to talk about them out loud as we try to stay away from discussing sensitive topics like these. The program ended with an understanding to continue future endeavors to MCC communities. The policy to limit the function of all mosques to worshipers. This makes it all the more necessary to have a standard policy in place.

First Open-Mosque Day Held October 4

On Saturday, October 4, 2015, the Chicagoland held its first ever CDGCO-inspired Open Mosque Day. Both MCC and MEC held their events with excitement and anticipation. A multitude of people visited the Mosques many of whom having little knowledge of the community, Islam, Muslims, or the Mosques. Several volunteers from the community gave tours to the attendees. In the lobby, there was setup of several activities including calligraphy, henna-painting, a variety of Muslim artifacts and snacks that the guests were able to enjoy. The guests also observed the Aza prayer which led to the end of “Open Mosque Day.”

MCC Adopts a Landmark Anti-Harassment Policy

In its October 2015 Board meeting, MCC unanimously adopted an Anti-Harassment Policy that is now in effect for our community. MCC felt essential to have a policy in place in case of an unfortunate event ever occurs. MCC also believed to be indispensable for the morale of our community and of the organization. In present times when this is a rampant problem, people have to feel secure and know that in an event of such an incident, we have had it covered. As we all know MCC is the umbrella of multiple part-time schools, full-time schools, Masjids and community centers. Our facilities are visited daily by many volunteer members, students, teachers, staff, volunteers and worshipers. This makes it all the more necessary to have a standard policy in place.

This policy was developed by a Board-approved committee consisting of Sahab Khan (Chair), Carol Rahim, Taj Malhance, Abaf Bakri, Munasarah Khan and Mohammad Mukarram Hassan. A law firm, Hodges, L斗richt, Ennessharn, Rodick & Kohl LLP was hired by the committee that specializes in working with non-profit organizations on sensitive topics such as harassment. In brief, the policy not only defines harassment but also lists steps to be taken if one happens to be a victim. As per the policy, MCC will have a zero tolerance for such an offense; 2) will discipline, and 3) fire the person in question. The policy covers the filing harassment complaints and a process of investigation(s) for any complaint received. The policy states that MCC will not tolerate retaliation against anyone who lodges a complaint about harassment.

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Candidate’s Nomination in Progress:

For any official issues, contact the office. And encourage you to participate in these programs. It is our honor to have one of our members, Mr. Shahjehan Baig, lead the MCC in this campaign.

Mehzar Khan: Honorary Commissioner of MG Fire & Police Department

Muslim Community is proud to have one of its prominent members; Mr. Mazhar Khan, as a new Honorary Commissioner of Fire & Police Department of the village of Morton Grove. Mr. Mathar Khan is a very active member of Muslim community. He has served as a MCC board member and MCC Building Committee Chair in the past, and is currently the Department Head of MCC Operations. Mr. Khan was also instrumental in the repairs of new Skokie building to bring it to the city code satisfaction, and starting the school on time last year. Mr. Mathar Khan is currently working as Director, Facilities Management & Operation at NNH Center. He has been actively working as a liaison between village officials and MCC community. It is an honor for MCC to have Mathar Khan at that position.

Cellular Room Now in MCC Basement

As many of you know, when visiting the basement of MCC there was often no phone reception. With the help of several dedicated brothers, we now have amplified cellular service in the MCC basement. Those who wish to rent the basement can now have the ease of having total phone reception. Alhamdulillah!

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Allama Iqbal Anniversary

Dr. Sir Muhammad Iqbal’s 138th birth anniversary will be observed on November 9, 2015. Iqbal, widely known as Allama Iqbal, was a philosopher, poet and politician, he was born in Sialkot, Pakistan. He is considered one of the most important figures in Urdu literature. He is known for his Urdu and Persian languages. Iqbal is admired as a prominent classic poet by Pakistanis, Indians, and other international scholars of literature. Iqbal is also a highly acclaimed “Muslim philosophical thinker of modern times.”


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MEC Granted Award for Accessibility Efforts

On October 11, 2015, the ‘Inclusion in WeeRed’ Ministry of Pathways.org, a Chicago non-for-profit organization, recognized several houses of faith across the United States with cash grants, known as Open Hydrant Awards. The effort includes worshipers of all abilities as active participants. The Muslim Education Center (MEC) Morton Grove, Illinois was one of the winners of $1000 for purchase and installation of an automatic door opener at the main entrance to the mosque. The inclusion in WeeRed remarked, “The Muslim Education Center in Morton Grove, Illinois has been renovated to create an accessible space for worship, interfaith gatherings and educational and social events. From the accessible parking, the wide hallways, accessible washrooms and the elevators and ramps it is evident that this community wants to accommodate all its members so everyone can participate. An automatic door opener would complete the picture.”

2015 MEC Elections

The Religious Awareness Committee of MCC and Compassionate Care Network (CCN) is considering enrolling people in Care网 in addition to the Free Health Screenings. There will also be an educational seminar about Obama Care for the small businesses owners. St. Fatema Mirza, Board, Secretary of Compassionate Care Network will coordinate the program. For more information contact St. Fatema Mirza at (630) 605-6184.

Current Brotherhood Brochure

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Following the deadline of Sunday, November 1st, for submitting Nominations by Petition, MCC’s Nominations Committee is scheduled to post the final list of nominees by November 8th. Nominations by Petition will be placed on the ballot for the elections scheduled for December 13, 2015. A voting member may also vote on December 13th at the MCC, Elston Avenue location or at MCC Morton Grove location.

Voting by Absentee Ballot:

Votes may also be cast by an Absentee Ballot. An Absentee Ballot may be obtained by mailing or delivering a request so it reaches MCC’s office no later than 2 PM on Sunday, November 8th. Request forms can be downloaded from the MCC website or can be picked up from the MCC office. Such a request should be addressed to the Election Committee chairperson and submitted in a sealed envelope. Request can also be made via e-mail and should include all information required in the request form including the member’s mailing address for verification.

Sadaqah Barkat, MCC

(Continued from “President’s Message”) a conference call. MCC representatives from both centers attended that call and agreed the administration about necessary arrangements. Extra security was arranged for both centers and alhamdulillah both days passed peacefully. Many thanks and faithful representatives sent solidarity letters and offered to help Muslim Centers.

MCC elections for the year of 2016 are in full swing. Please pay your membership dues if you have not, and participate in elections. MCC continues to review its new programs and we encourage you to participate in these programs. See the TV monitors for different programs or contact the office.

We have opened the MCC, Majlis office also for the 3 busiest days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For any official issues, contact the office and actively participate in MCC elections.

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