

Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations
Crowne Plaza
Valley Forge PA

Minutes

November 8-9, 2012

Present: June Totten, Ruth Clark, Ernest Jones, Mo Khan, Jonathan Malone (recorder)

Opening Prayer and Meditation

Updates – how are we doing (personally)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes of June 15-16, 2012

Baptist Muslim Dialogue changed to November 30-December 2

Ernest Jones was not able to attend the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology dialogue session (Held on Sept. 29)

Central Baptist dialogue will be April 20-21 of 2013 – Ruth Clark will attend

Minutes are approved by consensus.

Biennial Planning

Planning, etc.

The dinner will be on Friday, June 21, from 5-6:45 pm.

We can assume that between 50-100 people might attend – 58 people attended in 2011.

The dinner will cost \$37.00 a person.

Taking into consideration the last Biennial, it is probably safe to say we will have between 50-75 people.

Question of cost – staying at \$29 a person – Committee will be subsidizing \$8.00 a person

Speaker –

Consider asking Dr. Sayyid Syeed (National director for Office of Interfaith and Community Alliances for ISNA) as our first choice. Mo Khan will ask him next week.

As to topic – we would like to give Dr. Syeed the choice – ask him to speak for about 20 minutes without any question and answer time.

Consider using ushers to create diversity among each table.

Luke Mowbray Award – only one inquiry about the award thus far as well as one suggestion from the committee. The deadline for nominations is November 30. We will have a conference call in December to discuss the winner.

Covering the Booth – it is difficult to find volunteers to cover the booth because everyone is so busy. Will consider the schedule more closely in the December conference call after the schedule is published

Progress in Baptist-Muslim Dialogue

The national dialogue

Dialogue in Richmond – Ernest was not able to attend, but reported:

Turnout was better than expected

Looking to consider a next phase with those who were able to attend

Putting together a video about the experience

June talked with Dr. Lynn Caldwell who headed up the program. Found that Dr. Caldwell was weaving the experience into her class.

After meeting with the development team realized that we need to work on communication on a broader level. How do we share with the greater denomination what is happening?

As to the event at Central Seminary – Ruth was not able to make the last meeting but will get information and pass it onto the committee - April 20-21, 2013.

Assignments of Committee Persons to Tasks

Who will put the program together with Iris? It will depend on who the speaker is. If it is Dr. Syeed then Mo will do this, but if it is someone else then we will consider a different person.

The winner of the Mowbray award should get a plaque, a flower (corsage/ boutonniere)

Members of the committee will serve as hosts for the dinner – welcoming people and helping them find seats.

The meeting was suspended at 5:30pm until the next day -

Friday, 11/9/12

Ernest opened with prayer

Follow-up from some questions yesterday

- RE: Roy, concerning Dr. Syeed we should offer to pay for travel, lodging, and the meal.
- We can look to have a conference call meeting in January

Mo Reported about the Shoulder to Shoulder program

He shared the program's concern about law enforcement programs looking into people from Middle Eastern countries at a high level of scrutiny. This is a concern for the liberty and freedom of people. The Islamic society is trying to hold press conferences and talk to officials to bring such activities to light.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.